

# SBC Statistics For '63 Given

NASHVILLE (BP)—Preliminary estimates of 1963 Southern Baptist Convention statistics show slightly more than 10.3 million members of about 33,100 cooperating churches.

Martin B. Bradley, secretary of research and statistics for the SBC Sunday School Board here, reported the estimates to state Baptist leaders attending board-sponsored meetings in Nashville.

Figures from about 150 district associations of Baptist churches—there are over 1100 such associations in the U.S.—were not available at the time of the preliminary report. Other returns had not been edited.

Final, official statistics for the previous year are reported each February. Thus, 1963 statistics will be available in February, 1964.

Bradley's figures included a projection of the likely lower limit of each final figure and the likely higher limit. He qualified his preliminary information by saying:

"The projected estimates shown in the following report are prepared solely for the benefit of state and Southern Baptist Convention leaders as they look ahead to future programming."

The preliminary figures of membership and churches would mean a gain of more than 100,000 members and of around 300 churches, compared to final 1962 statistics.

**Decrease in Baptisms**

The 1963 estimates also showed a probable decrease in Baptisms of converts; they would be at least 20,000 fewer than 1962's final report.

Projections for church membership, and for Sunday school, music ministry and brotherhood enrolments showed probable increases over 1962. Training union and royal ambassador enrolment registered a probable decline, while woman's missionary union could show either a small decrease or increase in the final figures.

Comparisons given are based on matching 1962 figures with the "Projected low" statistics for 1963. Final comparisons released in February, 1964 may show differences.

Two state conventions, Colorado and Indiana, registered increases in Baptisms in these preliminary reports.

State conventions which seem to show increases in Training Union enrolment, in contrast to the general downward trend are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Il-

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## REPORT FROM ROME— Protestant Mission Activity Assailed

By W. Barry Garrett

ROME (BP) — A Spanish Catholic Cardinal appealed to the Vatican Council II in session here to include in the schema on ecumenism "A request to the separated brethren that they abstain from all proselytism among Catholics, lest the faith of our people be obscured through confusion."

Cardinal Beniamin De Arriba y Castro, archbishop of Tarragona, Spain, claimed that "Proselytizing by Protestants was increasing and that there are endless proofs of this." He wanted all Protestant missionary activity in so-called Catholic countries to stop.

The Spanish Cardinal objected to the proposals for dialogue between Catholics and non-Catholics. He said that "Such a statement by the council would be very dangerous for the faith of our Catholics, especially those of low estate, who often are not prepared to answer the arguments prepared by experts of the various sects or confessions."

He expressed chagrin because "The present schema text even goes so far as to assert it is licit in particular circumstances and even opportunity for Catholics to pray together with the separated brethren." He pointed out that this ran counter to special existing laws in the church.

Two other suggestions were made by the Spanish Cardinal. He called for "An ecumenical catechism to be drawn up by a competent congregation or commission or even by a private theologian in which those truths of Catholic doctrine, debated or positively denied by the separated brethren, might be explained."

He further suggested that "The diffusion and defense of Catholic truths should be fostered in Catholic schools on all levels, and should likewise become part and parcel of cultural-religious organizations in the day lay apostolate movement."

The problem of proselytizing was discussed in the U. S. Bishops press panel by Msgr. Gustave Weigel, who had spent a number of years as a Catholic missionary priest in Chile. He said that the problem arises as to the definition of proselytizing.

The explanation by Weigel was that for the person engaged in the practice he was "bearing testimony to the truth," but for those on the other side it is proselytizing.

**Problem Discussed**

Weigel discussed the problem of non-Catholic missionary activity in South America. Specifically, he mentioned Seventh-Day Adventists, Mormons, Pentecostals and by strong implication Baptists and other Protestant groups. He said that no one objected to any group that gives testimony to His faith, but "if they use low means for so doing, this is not good."

Although he was not specific he charged that many missionary groups bring pressure to bear both by threat and by promises for aid upon those to whom they are witnessing. He denied that he meant the missionaries are making "rice Christians," but he complained about the "Very unscrupulous principles" of the missionaries.

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Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, to Thee.  
—Martin Luther

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## Congress Passes College Bill

WASHINGTON (BP)—A college aid bill providing grants and loans to church-related colleges as well as public institutions, the first of its kind, won Senate approval in a vote of 54-27. This sends the measure to the White House for the President's signature.

The bill, a compromise between differing Senate and House versions, was passed by

the House in early November. The Senate had held up action pending agreement in a conference committee on another education bill, the vocational education proposal.

The college bill would authorize \$1,195,000,000 for the first three years of a five-year program. Both grants and loans would be available to private and public colleges. The funds would be limited to construction of academic facilities for science, engineering, mathematics and modern foreign languages, and for libraries.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D., N. C.), sponsor of a judicial review amendment in the original Senate bill, spoke at length in opposition to the conference report. He urged the Senate to reject it and request a second conference with the House.

Senate conferees, he said, should be instructed to retain the judicial review amendment.

"I have opposed this program because I believe that this bill... as it is phrased at the present, gives religious denominations access to the federal treasury for the purpose of financing schools owned and operated by them," Ervin said.

"I conceive this to be a violation of the provisions of the

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### HOW TO LIVE TO BE 103, WORK HARD, LIVE RIGHT

YUMA, Colo. (EP)—Want to know how you can live to be 103?

Fred W. Bushner is a sprightly retired farmer who celebrated his 103rd birthday on Monday, December 2.

His secret: in his words, "I've always worked hard and tried to live like a Christian."

Bushner, who was born nearly 4½ years before President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in a Washington theater, drove his car until two years ago.

## HMB EMPHASIZES ASSOCIATION WORK

ATLANTA (BP) — The Home Mission Board is placing a major emphasis on associational missions, not a de-emphasis, through its recent organizational changes.

This was stressed by Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the division of missions for the agency. In answer to questions from state mission leaders meeting here.

The mission leaders, executive secretaries and superintendents of missions from state conventions, were taking part in their

annual conference with the mission agency.

"The changes which we have made will enable us to have more of our personnel working in associational missions," Rutledge said.

"The association is the basic denominational organization for Baptists, formed by messengers from as few as five churches to as many as 200 or more in a given area. There are more than 1100 such groupings of Southern Baptist churches."

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## Syracuse Region Realigns

By The Baptist Press

Central Baptist Association in New York state, formerly related to the state convention of Baptists in Ohio, began 1964 aligned with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

This association includes five churches and five missions with a total membership of 849.

The churches are first Southern at Endicott, Roger W. Knapton, pastor; Emmanuel at Potsdam, Norman (Jack) Bell, pastor; Grace, at Rome, J. T. Davis, pastor; First Southern at Syracuse, John Tollison, pastor, and Southport at Elmira, Paul R. Becker, Sr., pastor.

Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, executive secretary of the Maryland Convention, announced the change in alignment. He said he had a letter from Knapton, central association moderator, stating arrangements for the transfer were complete.

Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, Ohio executive secretary, has been advised of the change and is in accord, Gresham said.

"There has been a developing feeling for some time that the New York work needed to grow as one unit," Knapton wrote Gresham. This was a reference to metropolitan New York association, which is already aligned with the Maryland Convention.

Knapton said a closer relationship with the New York association would enhance fellowship and would reduce the "Sheer problem of distance."

## SBC Radio-TV Agency Called In Emergency

All three major broadcasting networks called on Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission for program material during the blackout of commercial programming which began with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, commission director, was asked to make statements concerning the President's death for both NBC radio and television. These were tape recorded at station WBAP on Friday night and used the next day.

Later that same evening, the public affairs department of the American Broadcasting Co. requested help in developing a Baptist service memorializing President Kennedy. A conference with the pastor and music director of Broadway Baptist Church and the commission staff took place later that night and arrangements were completed for a one-hour service to originate at that Fort Worth church.

As it happened, the services had been on for 10 minutes over the ABC-TV network when Oswald was shot. Every available communications outlet converged on this new story immediately, and the service was cut on the air.

On Saturday afternoon, November 23, NBC-TV requested a 15-minute musical memorial from the Baptist Hour Choir. By 10:30 o'clock that night, rehearsals had been held and the program videotaped. Station WBAP-TV fed the tape to New York and at 9:15 a.m. Sunday it was on television. At 10:15 a.m. NBC radio network carried the music from the same program.

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### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to custom of many years, there will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week, which is Christmas week. The next issue will appear Jan. 2.

## Bible Study Week Set For January 6-10

The week of Jan. 6-10 will be annual Bible Study Week among the churches of the Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Conventions.

According to experience, the large majority of the 1,828 churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will observe the week, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, state Baptist Sunday School secretary.

Especially prepared books for all age groups will be studied in most of the churches.

The book suggested for adults and young people is "The Letter to the Ephesians," written by Dr. W. Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

This book in most cases will be taught by the pastor of the church, with some churches using another teacher.

Other books to be taught include: "Life at Its Best," for intermediates; "Bible Heroes," for juniors; "The Story the Bible Tells Us," for Primaries; "Friends Who Help Us," for Beginners, and "Good Food to Eat," for the nursery.

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Best Wishes for a

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year



# Adult Thrust New Avenue For Advance

NASHVILLE — "Because of the direct correlation between adult advance and church advance, an outreach effort designated as the Adult Thrust is being projected as an avenue for advance," John T. Sisemore told state Sunday school secretaries here recently.

"The Adult Thrust offers a practical way for church leaders and adult workers to couple with the desire for advance, definite plans that can make the desire a reality."

Sisemore, supervisor of the adult unit in the field services section of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, addressed the secretaries in their annual meeting Dec. 10-13.

The Adult Thrust is to be the outreach phase of the recommended Sunday School program in a church for 1964-65. Sisemore said that churches will be encouraged to vote in July 1964 to adopt the program as their major outreach effort for the new year.

A part of the thrust will be a special unit of lessons, "Sharing Christ's concern for persons" to be included in the lesson periodicals for October, 1964. "Last year 32,892 churches worked an entire year and gained a total of only 63,609 in Sunday school enrollment," Sisemore said. "This fact is distressing, but more disturbing is the fact that gains in other church organizations also declined proportionately."

**Correlation Seen**  
Sisemore noted a correlation between total Sunday School advance and the need for advance in adult work. He said that last year adult enrollment gains accounted for almost two-thirds of the total Sunday School gain, but the average net gain per church was only 1.2 adults.

"This slight gain was made out of a huge backlog of over 90 million unreached adults. And this figure of 90 million represents at least 80 per cent of the total Sunday School prospects. Advance on all fronts waits on advance on the adult front," Sisemore emphasized.

"Never before," he said, "since the initial efforts of the early New Testament churches, has a major denomination turned its full attention to reaching men and women. The adult thrust, therefore, is an unprecedented action."

Pointing to Southern Baptists goal of 10 million Sunday School members by 1970, Sisemore stated, "four million of this number should be adults."

## LBJ Asks Baptist Editor's Aid

DALLAS, Texas (RNS) — President Johnson has called on Dr. E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard here, to use the "platform of the written word" to help eliminate hate and violence dividing Americans.

In a letter, President Johnson told the Southern Baptist editor-minister that "the nation needs your influence more than ever before."

"Among Southern Baptists your leadership is uncontested," the President said. "You of all men can help root out the hate and violence and darkness which have divided our people."

"Many men can preach love and understanding from the pulpit. Few are given to the platform of the written word which you command. I pray to God that He will guide your hand and heart and mind as we seek to make this one nation under God."

President Johnson also wrote that "many people have told me of the great work you have done in Dallas and throughout the South."

He noted that the late President Kennedy "several times remarked on the perception and dedication you revealed to him in that lengthy conversation he had with you earlier this year."

## Groundbreaking Held for Mission In Pascagoula

Groundbreaking services have been held for the new mission of First Church, Pascagoula, located in the Martin's Bluff community.

Members of the mission committee participating in the service were: Rev. Clark W. McMurray, pastor, R. E. Lynn, Hollis McGill, O. A. Singuefield, Sr., and Mrs. Roscoe Robertson.

Also having a part were the following: C. E. Greer, Mrs. W. C. Havens, Lexie Lishman, and James Pace.

Since Easter Sunday morning services have been conducted in a tent. On November 10th First Church voted to accept the bid made by R. S. Fellows for construction of the new church building.

The building provides for separate Sunday school space for each age group, nursery through adults. Space is provided for the worship services also. The church when completed will be entirely furnished with new equipment and will offer the very latest in teaching methods and practices.

Construction of a new building is scheduled to be completed within 100 days from the date of the contract and the dedication service will be held when the work is completed. Contract price for the building is \$18,835.00.

## SBC Statistics . . .

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Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon-Washington.

Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Oregon-Washington apparently have gained in Royal Ambassador enrollment.

Woman's Missionary enrollment gains will likely be shown in Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

When the final statistics are released in February, in conjunction with the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, an interpretation and analysis of trends in the statistics will be given by Bradley.



WASHINGTON, D. C. — Erection of this sign in the park opposite the White House heralds the unofficial beginning of the capital's annual Christmas Pageant. Official opening of the event has been postponed until Dec. 22 when the 30-day period of mourning for the late President Kennedy ends. On that day President Johnson will light a 71-foot red spruce placed at this site. —RNS Photo.



MISS. STATE UNIVERSITY BAPTIST STUDENT UNION FRESHMAN COUNCIL — Seated: Coleman Chong, Itta Bena, Stewardship Chairman; Anita Braddock, Marked Tree, Arkansas, Devotional Chairman; Bill Thornton, Hattiesburg, President; Dee Cooper, Starkville, Secretary; Tommy Randle, Weir, Social Chairman; Judy Boyd, Starkville, Music Chairman. Standing: Garland Robertson, Collins, Missions Chairman; Glen Nations, Brookhaven, Student Center Chairman; Leonard Taylor, Miami, Florida, Meadowview Church Representative; Lee Skiles, Slidell, Louisiana, First Church Representative; Bill Lassett, Laurel, Emmanuel Church Representative; Wayne Hathcote, Amory, Promotional Chairman.

## Congress Passes . . .

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first amendment of the constitution," he continued.

The senator said the college bill "attempts to divorce the

(President Johnson has already signed the college aid bill, having done so since this story was written.)

supposed secular activities of church colleges and universities from their religious activities, and to provide for financial support from the federal treasury only for their secular activities. . . . This is exactly what the Supreme Court has said cannot be done." Ervin referred to a number of Supreme Court cases which he said supported his opinion that aid to church schools is unconstitutional.

**Cooper Against Bill**  
Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), co-sponsor of the judicial review amendment, also argued against the conference report on the college bill. He said he was aware that colleges, public or private or religious, are in need of additional funds. He said church colleges contribute to the "richness of our educational system, and to its spiritual values."

"Nevertheless," Cooper continued, "we are faced, as I see it, with the question . . . whether Congress has the authority to provide tax funds to church schools."

Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.), chairman of the Senate education and labor committee, spoke in opposition to the measure. Hill was a member of the conference committee on the bill but did not sign the report.

"I feel that the pending conference report is directly in violation of the constitution and is a complete negation and defeat of the fundamental principle of the separation of church and state," Hill stated.

Replying to the demands to keep judicial review in the bill, Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), chairman of the subcommittee on education, said that the House would not pass the college bill with judicial review in it. He called attention to the recent separate bills on judicial review introduced by himself in the Senate and by Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.) in the House. He said it does not necessarily follow that the House will not pass this separate bill.

Sen. Gordon Allott (R., Colo.), speaking against the bill, said one problem is that the funds would be available to construct buildings designed for specific purposes. The key, he said, is the use of the word "designed."

"Under the provisions of the bill, federal funds can be had for the construction of a build-

## Protestant Mission .

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Weigel explained the spiritual vacuum in South America as the cause for so much Protestant missionary activity there. He said that there is an extreme shortage of Catholic priests for the population and that many people who are counted as Catholics are not really Catholics at all. "So we find missionaries working on them," he said.

The former South American priest said that although the laws of every country there do not forbid missionary activity, "Some Catholics would like to keep them out, but they haven't and they won't succeed."

The problem of proselytizing, Weigel explained, exists everywhere. "In ecumenical circles proselytism is a dirty word," he said. "But it is going on just the same." He said that in the world council of churches, even though that body spoke out strongly against proselytism in Christian lands, many of the member communions go right on proselytizing among each other.

When asked about Catholic proselytizing among Protestants, Weigel said this is "tit for tat" and that just as the Protestants felt that they were witnessing to the truth, so do the Catholics.

ing which is "designed" for scientific, mathematics, and similar subjects. The day after the money is paid, the building can be converted to any use to which the owners wish it to be converted," Allott said.

"We are contributing to the support of religion because the building belongs to a religious institution," he stated.

Senator Morse, in concluding remarks before the final vote, said the Senate was faced with the question of whether or not there would be any education legislation. He reminded the senators that recently they have passed a bill granting aid to medical schools and that religious schools were included in that bill.

Morse emphasized that he wanted a review of the constitutionality of such programs before he had introduced such legislation. He said, however, that "wisdom calls for adopting the conference report" on the college bill and then getting to judicial review in the separate bill.

Another education measure, the vocational education bill, has been reported out of conference committee. It would provide funds for vocational education in the states, extension of the impacted areas program, and extension of the student loan provision of the National Defense Education Act.

Immediate action is expected on this bill by both the House and the Senate.

## HMB Emphasizes .

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"The major change we have made," Rutledge explained, "was the creation of the association administration services and church extension department."

"This will enable us to stress the philosophy and functions of the association, working with other convention agencies and state mission groups."

Associations will be assisted in doing mission work, however, by three "Action" departments, Rutledge added. These are the pioneer missions department, the urban-rural department, and the metropolitan missions department.

The pioneer work will be with churches and associations primarily in those 22 states where Southern Baptists do not have state conventions.

The metropolitan work will be with churches and associations in those areas declared standard metropolitan by the United States government, all having more than 50,000 population.

The urban-rural work will be with churches and associations in areas with less than 50,000 population.

Rutledge told the state mission leaders that the organization was still under study, especially in its program alignment.

The Southern Baptist Convention is in the process of establishing programs for all its agencies, and Rutledge indicated those of the mission board will be presented at the 1965 meeting of the convention.

## Drama Festivals Set For State

NASHVILLE — The church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board has announced that it will sponsor ten drama festivals in 1964.

Spring festivals by date and location are: April 9-11, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; April 22-24, First Baptist Church, Deming, N.M. Festivals to be held in Mississippi are: Oct. 12, First Church, Columbia; Oct. 13, Woodland Hills Church, Jackson; Oct. 16, First Church, Grenada.

All of the Mississippi festivals will be planned specifically to help Training Union leadership apply dramatic principles and methods in their teaching," said Bob M. Boyd, secretary of the Church Recreation Department.

A survey shows that it costs more to feed a teen-age boy than any other member of the family.

## Texas Board Approves Follow-Up To Japan New Life Movement

DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Baptist Executive Board approved two proposals as a follow-up to the nation-wide Japan Baptist New Life Movement, elected officers, and named a new employee during its quarterly meeting here.

The board also approved the study of establishing a "New Life Crusade Foundation" which would invest funds for future mass evangelism crusades like the Asian New Life Movement last spring.

As a follow-up to the Japan crusade, the board approved proposals to bring ten Japanese Baptist pastors to the United States for three months of study and work in local Baptist churches.

It also approved sending five music and educational directors from Texas to Japan to help Japanese Baptist churches improve music and education programs.

The expenses of the Texas and Japanese churchmen would be paid by the churches involved in the exchange. The men would be selected by the Japan Baptist Convention executive committee.

Two separate periods of pray-

er were spent for the Texas Baptist Latin American crusade aimed at reaching 2 million Latin American with the gospel in 1964. Texas Baptist executive secretary T. A. Patterson said he hoped at least 100,000 Latin Americans would be converted during the campaign.

## Dates Set For '64 Youth Meetings

NASHVILLE — The dates for the 1964 Southern Baptist Youth conferences have been set for June 4-10 at Glorieta (N. M.), Baptist Assembly and July 2-8 at Ridgcrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

Both conferences are being planned for 15- and 16-year old intermediates and noncollege young people ages 17 through 24. Special conferences will be held for adult workers with these age groups.

There will be no provision made for younger intermediates. College young people are encouraged to attend one of the student conferences at either of the assemblies.

The Southern Baptist youth conferences are being planned jointly by the Training Union, Sunday School and Church Music Departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board and by the Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union. The church recreation, student, and church library departments of the board are also co-operating.

For reservations, write after Jan. 1 to: Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgcrest, N. C. 28770, or E. A. Herron, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.

## Seven Focus Weeks To Be Held In '64

NASHVILLE — Seven focus weeks, promoted by the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, will be held on college and university campuses from February through March 1964.

Schools and dates where focus weeks will be held are: Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., Feb. 3-7.

Also, Baylor University, Waco, Feb. 10-14; University of Richmond, Feb. 10-14; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., March 2-6; Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., March 9-13.

## Turner Elected Hospital Head

HOUSTON (BP) — W. Wilson Turner, administrator of Memorial Baptist Hospital here, has been appointed executive director of the 740 bed hospital system.

Turner, whose appointment fills the vacancy created by the death of John G. Dudley, has been administrator of Memorial Hospital since 1958. Previously, he was associate administrator for three years.

Other hospitals where Turner has served are Baptist hospital, Alexandria, La.; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson; and Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco.

## SBC Radi-o-TV . . .

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System crew and the commission had just completed a 30-minute television program of Thanksgiving and patriotic music scheduled for December 1 the day before in Fort Worth. The opening scene was a helicopter view of the Fort Worth-Dallas skyline, and because this was deemed inappropriate by the network the show was cancelled.

However, on Saturday CBS did request the videotaped footage shot from the helicopter for use in news coverage of the president's death. On Monday, November 25, CBS-TV asked for assistance in obtaining program material to fill an opening on the network December 8. This is currently being discussed with network officials.

Great horizons surround our Christian faith. The whole world is the area for the development and expansion of Christianity. . . . Not in a thousand years has there been such an opportunity for Christian forces to evangelize the world. Within the hearts of the people of our generation there is a nameless, ageless, indefinable longing for the eternal verities. —Monroe F. Swiley.



Rev. Bartis B. Harper

## Accepts First, Geneva, Alabama

Rev. Bartis B. Harper has resigned the pastorate of the East Columbia Church, Columbia, to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Geneva, Alabama.

Rev. Harper has been pastor of the East Columbia Church since March 9, 1958. Under his leadership, the church has made much progress; there have been 140 baptisms and 125 additions by letter, as well as additions to church buildings.

The East Columbia Church, J. P. Spell, chairman of deacons, has adopted a resolution of appreciation for Rev. Harper. In part, the resolution states:

"His stay among us has always been of a friendly disposition, being at all times deeply interested in the welfare of all the people of this community and especially interested in the welfare of the young people of this church. His interest in the work of the Lord . . . has always been keenly dedicated to the cause of Christ."

His unselfish service of God to the community of us by his example, has become a better Christian, and have been made to feel more aware of our Christian duties, responsibilities and obligations."

Rev. Harper is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi and of Southwestern Seminary.



## EDITOR SPEAKS TO SCHOOLMEN

MEMPHIS (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention educators from 11 states were advised here to concentrate on enriching the spirit of man and to spread wide the qualities of love and beauty.

John N. Popham, managing editor of the daily Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times, said church-related colleges will never be able to equal major universities in all areas of scholastic excellence because of money.

However, the role of church-related colleges is more exciting today than ever before, the newspaper executive said. He added that many must have an awareness of the Divine sense of love and this group of institutions are the logical ones to provide it.

Southern Baptists were generously sprinkled among the delegates to the conference of church-related colleges in the South where Popham was the principal speaker. It was one of 17 auxiliary groups meeting during the four-day annual gathering of the Southern association of colleges and schools.

Popham covered the 1955 session of the SBC for the New York Times.

Other Baptists who played leading roles in auxiliary meeting included:

E. M. Keebler, dean of Louisiana College (Baptist) at Pineville, who gave the student personnel committee report at a junior college session.

**Spiro Participates**  
Robert H. Spiro, dean of the college of liberal arts at Mercer University (Ga.), and Francis W. Bonner, dean of Furman (S. C.) University, who directed the registration and delegates at sessions of the academic deans. Both Mercer and Furman are Baptist colleges.

## New Feature On Hymns in the 'Church Musician'

NASHVILLE — "What Do the Hymns Say?" is a new feature which will begin in the January 1964 issue of "The Church Musician."

Dr. Joseph F. Green, Jr., general book editor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Books Department, will write the series on the theological and doctrinal interpretation of each hymn of the month.

The new feature is a companion to Edmond D. Keith's feature on the historical background of each hymn of the month, which will appear under the new title "Who Wrote The Hymn?"

Keith, associate music secretary for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, has contributed this information on the history of hymns to each issue of "The Church Musician" since its beginnings in October 1950.

Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary of the board's church music department, said that Keith's historical articles have proved highly beneficial to church leaders and laymen alike.

"The two articles are designed to complement each other," Dr. Sims said. "They should prove valuable as readers of the magazine seek to relate hymns and hymn singing to the functions of the church."



ON DECEMBER 1, Glenfield Church at New Albany held the ground breaking for a new auditorium and educational wing and the renovation of the present church building and its conversion into educational space. The cost of the new building program will be approximately \$40,000 and construction is slated to begin immediately. Pictured at the ground breaking are, left to right, Joe Beard, Carl Taylor, Jesse Dye, J. J. Jones, the Rev. R. J. Wilemon, pastor; Lloyd White, chairman of building committee; Elva Dunlap, Troy Dowdy, Bill Maxey and D. R. Thomas, the contractor. Not pictured was R. V. Manning, also a deacon.

## Knoxville Membership High

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — More than 84 per cent of Knoxville's 200,000 residents over nine years of age are church members.

"This is one of the highest percentages we have found in the nation," according to Orrin Morris of Atlanta, a Southern Baptist survey specialist who led in the house-to-house count.

"The national average is 63.4 per cent, including those under nine. The Knoxville figure also includes 4.6 per cent with non-local church membership. This is also a low figure," he said.

The survey was taken by 5,000 workers representing 117 churches and included the urban areas of Knoxville.

Morris, who is an associate secretary of the Department of Survey and Special Studies for the Home Mission Board, said the high church membership was due to a stable community and active churches.

"Knoxville does not have a highly mobile population," he

said, "and the strength of the churches was reflected in the number of workers in our survey. We had 93 per cent of the homes visited to give us complete information."

**Baptists 54.17%**  
A denominational division of the church membership shows Baptists with 54.17 per cent, Methodists with 19.38, Presbyterians with 9.89, Roman Catholics with 3.34, Christian with 2.84, Episcopalian with 2.30,

Church of God with 2.29, Lutherans with 1.21, Evangelical United Brethren with 1.05, and Church of Christ with .64.

The survey reported on the attendance habits of the church members: 60.7 per cent go to church regularly, 20.2 occasionally attend, 4.6 go once a year, and 14.5 never attend.

Although negro churches were invited, they did not participate and the figures do not include the Negro population.

## Survey Given Of 1964 'Baptist Book Store Catalog'

NASHVILLE — The 1964 edition of the "Baptist book store catalog" lists 4,596 items of merchandise, according to a recent IBM tabulation at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Of these, 4,101 are regular stock items in each of the 46 Baptist book stores, unless they become unavailable at their supply sources.

The other 495 items are not available for immediate delivery in some of the smaller stores. These, however, are identified in the catalog so that customers will know when to expect shipment.

A few items not immediately available are "Direct ship"

materials. These include such items as church lawn bulletin boards, too large to be carried in stock; choir robes, usually made-to-order; silver-plated Lord's Supper services; and other items normally shipped directly from their supply sources.

Eight full pages are given to Baptist Brotherhood supplies. The book stores are now exclusive distributors of Brotherhood materials.

Keith C. Von Hagen, director of the board's book store division, said that through an item analysis process literally hundreds of non-selling items have been deleted from the catalog, however, the catalog still contains 328 pages. Choice items are given more comprehensive descriptions, and more and larger illustrations have been used.

Catalog distribution is based on a scientific study of the buying habits of Baptist book store customers. Each person who has a regular buying habit automatically receives a new catalog when it is released.

Those serving in church leadership positions who need a catalog may request one from a Baptist book store, or: Retail Advertising and Sales Promotion Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203

## BWA Official Leads Prayer In Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — Adolfs Klaupiks, Latvian-born director of the relief department of the Baptist World Alliance, led the prayer opening a recent session of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Klaupiks was invited personally by Rep. John W. McCracken (D., Mass.) speaker of the house, in recognition of Latvian Independence Day.

## Does Your Will Reflect The Will of God?

You have been a good steward in life, when you are gone, "Whose shall these things be?" Your Will is the answer.

Another Beatitude is, "And their works do follow them". But you say how can these things be? The answer is through a Will that reflects the Will of God.

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## "Baptist Advance"

### Due For BJA Observance

NASHVILLE — "Baptist Advance," a Broadman Press book of religious and historical significance, will be released concurrently with the Baptist Jubilee Advance observance in Atlantic City, N. J., next May.

The book is a record of Baptist backgrounds in North America and of the origins, growth, and accomplishments of these seven Baptist bodies: American Baptist Convention; Baptist Federation of Canada; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.; North America Baptist General Conference; Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has served as managing editor of the book, which is the work of 59 contributors.

"Baptist Advance" is illustrated with maps, charts, and 16 pages of photographs. It includes a bibliography and detailed indexes of topics and persons.

An epilogue by Kenneth Scott Latourette places Baptist work in historical perspective.

A special library edition of "Baptist Advance" is available for a limited time. Each copy of this hardbound edition is \$3.00 cash, and will be sent immediately upon publication next May.

In order to qualify for this offer, each order must be postmarked not later than midnight Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1964. The offer will expire on that date.

Check or money order should be made payable to: Baptist Advance, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203

The registration fee for the BJA will include a paper bound copy of "Baptist Advance."



REV. W. D. (STEP) MARTIN, pastor of Satsuma Church, Satsuma, Alabama, is shown on the right receiving William Carey College's award for the "Most Outstanding Alumni of 1963." William Mitchell, Director of Public Relations for the college and himself an alumnus, is shown presenting the cup at the annual Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, December 7. Rev. Martin is the retiring president of the Carey Alumni Association and, according to Mr. Mitchell, Alumni Secretary, he has done more during this year to promote the alumni work than any other member of the association. Mr. Martin graduated from William Carey in 1956. He is married to the former Patricia Pinson, and they have four children.

## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

### Overseas Staff Gets 195 Additions in 1963

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 missionaries in its December meeting, bringing its 1963 appointments to an all-time high of 180. The previous record in appointments for a calendar year was 144, set in 1959. The employment of 15 missionary associates during 1963 gives the Board a total of 195 additions to the overseas staff for the year. That staff now numbers 1,810 (including 27 missionary associates).

In other December actions the Board elected Rev. William W. Marshall, of Roanoke, Va., and Dr. R. Keith Parks, missionary to Indonesia, as associate secretaries for missionary personnel, and Dr. Harold G. Basden, of Dallas, Tex., as associate secretary for promotion. All will assume their duties in January. On recommendation of its Orient committee, the Board granted Dr. Parks a leave of absence from the mission field to serve for a time in the headquarters capacity.

The Board also elected Dr. John D. W. Watts, missionary in Europe, to succeed Dr. John D. Hughey, Jr., as president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Hughey will assume responsibilities as the Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East in January. Dr. Watts has been a professor in the seminary since it opened in 1949.

### New Advance Planned

"We are gratified to be able to come to the close of this year with a mission staff in excess of 1,800, an objective toward which we have been working since 1948," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the Board. Summarizing other accomplishments during 1963 — World Missions Year for Southern Baptists — he said the year will be remembered for intensive evangelistic projects overseas.

"We turn our faces toward 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America, and the years beyond with much anticipation," Dr. Cauthen continued, calling attention to the work of a Board committee which is in the process of drawing up a new program of advance in foreign missions.

Among special projects already being planned overseas, Dr. Cauthen mentioned a Brazil-wide evangelistic effort for 1965 and a large-scale emphasis upon church development in Hong Kong for 1966.

**10 Couples to Nine Countries**  
The 20 missionaries (10 couples) appointed in December are natives of 15 states and one foreign country, and they will serve in nine countries.

They are Robert N. Bellinger, native of Louisiana, and Patty Hoopaw Bellinger, of Illinois, appointed for Liberia; Robert R. Compher, of Maryland, and Priscilla Weeks Compher, of Alabama, for Vietnam; Clyde J. Dotson (reappointed), of Alabama, and Anneli Valtonen Dotson, of Finland, for Southern Rhodesia.

Also, Terry A. Hicks, of Texas, and Wanda Gethin Hicks, of

Alabama, for Nigeria; R. Brown Hughes and Bobbie Stephens Hughes, both of Tennessee, for North Brazil; Harry E. Poovey, of North Carolina, and Vivian Dyer Poovey, of Georgia, for Taiwan (Formosa).

Also, Donald H. Redmon, of Florida, and Jo Eubanks Redmon, of Mississippi, for Uruguay; Jasper Saunkeah, Jr., and Dorothy Reed Saunkeah, both of Oklahoma, for Argentina; Hugh G. Smith, of Kentucky, and Kathryn Greenfield Smith, of Missouri, for Malaysia; and James M. Wilson, of Arkansas, and Betty Miller Wilson, of North Dakota, for Equatorial Brazil.

Mr. Dotson was a missionary to Southern Rhodesia for nearly 33 years, the last 12 of them under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, before resigning last December.

### More Missionaries Needed

In his report, Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, emphasized that, although the long-range goal of having an overseas mission staff of 1,800 has been reached, Southern Baptists must continue to be concerned about increasing the number of missionaries. "While we have attained one goal," he said, "We have the inescapable obligation, if we are to serve our day and generation in a manner acceptable to Christ, to press on toward the achievement of still other goals even more worthy of a denomination like our own."

### Kenya's Independence Noted

With Kenya slated for independence on December 12, a week after the Board meeting, Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, reported that the 22 Southern Baptist missionaries now in the country are optimistic concerning their future opportunity.

The mission program in Kenya includes several projects of obvious value to the country, he said, mentioning in particular the Baptist high school in Mombasa and community centers in Nairobi and Mombasa.

**Okinawa 1 Per Cent Christian**  
Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, reported on Baptist work in the Ryukyu Islands — and Okinawa in particular — which is a co-operative effort of Okinawan Baptists and of missionaries from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, and the Japan Baptist Convention. There are at least eight Baptist churches and 15 missions in the Ryukyus, he said, and all are related co-operatively in the Okinawa Baptist Association.

## Carpenters Honored On 25th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Carpenter, of Roxie, were recently honored with a silver tea and candlelight service by members of Roxie's First Baptist Church.

The occasion was to celebrate the pastor's 25th wedding anniversary.

The church's gift to the couple was a chest of silver flatware.



Syble Ann Brown



Mrs. L. K. Brown

AT FIRST CHURCH, INVERNESS, Mrs. L. K. Brown recently received a certificate for 10 years of perfect Sunday school attendance, and her daughter Syble Ann one for 9 years. Miss Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brown, is now a student at Mississippi College. Dr. John Cobb is pastor at Inverness.



THESE BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE students will be listed in the current issue of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. This is the highest honor attainable by American college students. The Blue Mountain honored group was selected for character, leadership, scholarship, service to the college, and potentialities of future usefulness to business and society. Arranged left to right: Sarah Spain, San Diego, California; Martha Sue Buchanan, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Madolyn Childers, Ashland; Sue Clayton, Fulton; Vonelle Rushing, Booneville; and center, holding the World Globe, is Barbara Jett, Moberly, Missouri.

## SPIRITUAL VICTORY SEEN IN HUMAN FAILURE

The morning has been a total failure, thought Rev. Will J. Roberts, Southern Baptist missionary among the Kikuyus of Kenya, when he finished preaching to the congregation which filled the new building of Karatina Baptist Church near Nyeri.

It had taken almost an hour and a half to deliver his 30-minute sermon. He had preached in Swahili, lingua franca of East Africa which he studied before moving to Nyeri last May. But the message had had to be interpreted into Kikuyu, language of the area. Many times the young interpreter had hesitated and asked what Mr. Roberts said, or someone

in the congregation had translated for him.

To add to Mr. Roberts' discouragement, the offering had been taken during the invitation following the sermon.

Then the deacon in charge of the service prayed. Afterward Mr. Roberts heard others speaking in Kikuyu — praying, he thought. He looked up to find the congregation seated while 22 people still standing were one by one acknowledging acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

"I realized anew that it is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," says Mr. Roberts.

## Stetson Graduate Wins National Teacher Award

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (BP) — A 1962 Stetson University graduate, Miss Marilyn Jean Greenlaw, has been chosen one of 20 outstanding teachers in the nation by the National Education Association.

A professor of education at the Deland, Fla., Baptist college nominated her former student for the honor. Miss Greenlaw now teaches fourth grade in Fort Lauderdale.



## Christmas Means Christ

"Keep Christ in Christmas!" We often hear this plea in these busy days, and well we should, for it is right, and it is needed. There are many who would crowd Christ completely out of Christmas, and make it nothing more than a pagan festival.

However, when all of the rush and clatter and tinsel of the modern Christmas celebration are pressed aside, and the season's true meaning is sought, it is found that Christ is still there at the center. Actually, Christmas means Christ. When Christ is forgotten in the Christmas celebration, it becomes something else. Only when Christ is recognized, can there be a true Christmas.

There are many elements which become a part of the modern Christmas celebration, but all of them, when carefully considered, are seen to center in Christ. Consider some of the glorious meanings of Christmas, and see how Christ is in them all.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS JOY.** Joy fills the world at Christmas time. There is joy in the faces of little children, as they anticipate and experience all of the thrill and excitement of the season. There is joy in the family circle as loved ones gather at "home for Christmas." There is joy in the greetings of friends old and new at this time of good fellowship and remembrance. There is joy in the air as one walks the streets, enters the stores, gazes at decorations, listens to or watches Christmas programs, or joins with fellow worshippers in the house of God. The true joy, however, and the greatest, centers in Jesus Christ, as we listen anew to the message of the angel "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." There is joy in the world because Christ has come, and if He had not come, the world would hardly know the meaning of joy. Christ is heaven's joy for earth's sorrow.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS LOVE.** Love expresses itself at the Christmas season as at no other time of the year. The Christmas gift, the personal greeting and the Christmas card, all carry the message of love. It is expressed in a multitude of other ways. Hate is crowded out at the Christmas time, and well it should be, not only in this season, but also throughout the year. Love's full meaning, however, even at Christmas, is not seen until we look back to Bethlehem and see that "God so loved . . . that He gave His . . . Son." This is the central truth of Christmas. Christ is heaven's love for earth's hate.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS LIGHT.** The glory of Christmas seems to light the whole world. Christmas lights glow in every home. The streets gladden with the bulbs of many colored lights. Store windows and storefronts are brilliant. The light of Christmas comes from Bethlehem where God's star points the way to the manger, and the glory of God is seen in Christ Himself. Christ is the light of the world. He is heaven's light for earth's darkness.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS GIFTS.** The spirit of giving reaches its fullest meaning at the Christmas season. Gifts are everywhere. They are piled under the Christmas trees. They stuff the stockings hanging at the chimneys. They overburden the mail carriers. They fill the Christmas baskets for the poor. There are large gifts and small gifts; everywhere. Nor would we change that spirit. It is the spirit of Christmas, for Christmas came to the world when God gave to earth its greatest gift, which Paul called "God's unspeakable gift." Christ is heaven's gift for earth's need.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS PEACE.** The message of peace seems to wing around the earth at Christmas time. The story often has been told of how men in battle have held their firing on Christmas eve and Christmas day. Somehow, it is difficult to hate, and kill and destroy at the Christmas time. All the world longs for peace, and Christmas always brings new hope that it may come. This is because at the first Christmas, the angel messengers announcing the birth of Christ, said that it meant "Peace on earth; good will to men." Christ is heaven's peace for the earth's turmoil.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS MUSIC.** "There's a song in the air." Christmas music does fill the air. It is in the stores, on radio and television, in the streets, in the homes, and in the churches. While some of it has a strange sound, much of it is the glorious music of Christmas . . . carols and anthems which tell of the Christ who was born. Christmas music began with the angels, who sang, "Glory to God in the highest." Christ is heaven's music for earth's clatter.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS HOPE.** The world often knows much of despair, but somehow hearts are lifted in hope at the Christmas time. Everywhere, men look up, believing that dreams will come true, and hopes will be fulfilled. Of course the true hope, the one hope, of Christmas and all other days, is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is heaven's hope for earth's despair.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS LIFE.** A child is born. That is life. But the babe in the Bethlehem manger meant more than merely that a new life had been born. This child meant life for the world, new life, spiritual life for all men. Christ is heaven's life for earth's death.

Here then is the meaning of Christmas. Look at it as you will, Christ is always at the center. Crowd Him out and no true Christmas is left. Recognize Him, and build Christmas around Him, and Christmas has glorious fullness of meaning.

Let us keep Christ at the very center of Christmas this year.

## Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

**Quote, In Memoriam:** "In whatever arena of life one may meet the challenge of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience—the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of his fellowmen—each man must decide for himself the course he will follow. The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul."—*Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy

Another adversary, more hideous in appearance, is the lack of holiness. Ignorance, inner retreat from responsibility, and commitment with reservations can all live in a life that appears to be Christian. A moral and impure behavior, however, cannot be disguised or camouflaged. When Gandhi was asked to name the greatest enemy Jesus had in India, he answered in one word, "Christianity."—*Wade E. Darby in "Christ for the World,"* compiled and edited by G. Allen West, Jr. (Broadman Press, 1963).



WHERE THE SAVIOUR WAS BORN—The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is built over a grotto which marks the traditional site where Christ was born 2,000 years ago. On the floor of the grotto the exact spot of the Nativity is believed to be marked by the Star of Bethlehem.—RNS Photo

## New Books

**PROPHETIC PREACHING, THEN AND NOW** by Roland Q. Leavell (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.25)

The late Dr. Leavell was a great preacher himself, and a teacher of preachers. In this volume he points the preacher to his prophetic responsibility, and shows him how he must discharge it. He discusses the meaning of the prophet; the prophet's preaching in crisis; preaching against social unrighteousness; prophesying judgment; love; the future; pleading with men to accept salvation; and the example of John the Baptist. Preachers, young and old, will find inspiration, challenge and information in these pages.

**THE BAPTIST WAY OF LIFE**, by Brooks Mays and John E. Steely, (Prentice-Hall, 265 pp., \$3.95.)

It has been suggested this scholarly and authentic book will be a subject of discussion, and perhaps controversy, among Baptists during coming months.

Brooks Mays, the world's best known Baptist layman, and Dr. Steely, a prominent professor of historical theology in Southeastern Baptist Seminary, have worked together to relate Baptist beginnings in the old world as well as in this country. However, only a small part of the book is taken up with history as such. Calling Baptists "Evangelical Protestants" and giving attention to personal conduct, social responsibility and race relations may cause some conservatives to look on some of the statements as heresy. At the same time some liberals will find enough to be able to apply the word Puritanism to other statements.

As one reads he will soon have the idea the authors are

### The Kingdom

The organized "kingdom of heaven" will come in due time; but its introduction is God's affair, not ours. Meantime, the "kingdom of heaven" now exists in the earth only as a "kingdom within." We can enter it only as it enters us through personal regeneration. As God inaugurates His Kingdom through the individual man, so he develops and propagates it through the church, which is also individual. No human devices can compel that kingdom immediately to appear. The "universal church invisible" if there were one, could offer up no specific place for service, since it must remain ideal. There is no record of a "Gospel of the church," but only a "Gospel of the Kingdom"—a Kingdom to be manifested in due time. Meantime, the "manifest wisdom of God" is "NOW" to be "MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE CHURCH" (Eph. 3:10). Let him who would hasten the coming of the end not pervert or despise the appointed means.—Jesse B. Thomas in *THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM*.

making no attempt to please any segment of the denomination, but to explain and interpret the Baptist Way of Life as they understand it without regard to protecting traditions.

Written in an interesting and fascinating style, the general reader will have a new appreciation of world Baptist fellowship and the contributions which the denomination has made and continues to make to the larger Christian fellowship to the ends of the earth.—Bruce H. Price Newport News, Va.

**ADVENTURES IN THE HOLY LAND** by Norman Vincent Peale (Prentice-Hall 176 pp., \$5.95)

This is a beautiful and informative book. While it narrates the author's experiences and impressions as he visited Bible lands, it is much more than a mere travelogue. Out of his vast knowledge of the Bible, and Biblical and Christian history, the author brings history to life as various points of interest are visited. One has a feeling that he is walking in the footsteps of Jesus and other Bible characters, and many of the scenes of Bible record are made to live again. The book has many illustrations, several of them being full page color pictures. Those who have visited the Holy Land will have memories refreshed, and those who have not had that privilege will feel that they have had a brief tour of the land.

**SOUL-SAVING SERMONS** by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 204 pp., \$2.50)

Heart-warming, soul-stirring messages, preached for the express purpose of leading souls to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. The sermons are scriptural in content and message, clear in outline, and richly illustrated from the author's broad experience in evangelism. The lost person who reads these messages will know why he should be saved.

and how to be saved. The saved person will find helps in telling others the way of salvation.

**THE FOUR MAJOR CULTS** by Anthony Hoekema (Eerdmans, 447 pp., \$5.95)

A comprehensive textbook and reference book on the four major cults of modern American life. These cults are Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventism and Christian Science. For each of the four there is given a concise history, a source of authority, and a discussion of basic distinctive doctrines. Appendices dealing with special problems are given for three of the groups. The last two chapters discuss the distinctive traits of the cults, and methods of approaching a cultist in an effort to bring him to a true knowledge of Christ. A splendid bibliography and a full index are added. The author has an objective point of view and deals fairly with each of the cults, but also gives a critical approach in the light of God's Word, showing where and why the cult is wrong in its teaching. This is a valuable addition to literature dealing with these fast growing groups.—THIRTY

**WAR OF THE BIRDS** by John Calvin Reid (Wm. B. Eerdmans, \$1.00)

Here is a fable about birds in the Garden of Eden, who at the serpent's whispers began to fight over which had the most beautiful shade of feathers. This colorful book for children is illustrated by Macy Schwarz.

**HANDBOOK OF BIBLE HISTORY, Book III—The Gospels**, by George Stob (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 177 pp., paperback.)

Part of a Bible study course, intended for use by the whole family. Gives simple story-type synopsis of Scripture passages followed by some interpretation, with questions to be answered.



Highest From The Lowliest

## Top Problem Is Lack Of Trained Pastors

ATLANTA (BP)—The lack of adequately trained pastors who can and will challenge and lead the membership of the churches was ranked as their number one problem by state Baptist mission leaders.

The ranking of problems occurred here at the annual meeting of state mission leaders with personnel of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Attending the meeting were the executive secretaries and superintendents of missions of the state Baptist conventions.

In a ballot distributed by mail, by Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency, the mission leaders were asked "To rank the problems as they affect the work in your state." They were also asked to add any others.

The ballots of the two groups were tabulated separately, but the voting revealed a definite similarity. The only sharp break occurred on voting for the second place problem.

The executive secretaries ranked as their second problem, "Inability or failure of Christian leaders to develop the spiritual fervor and power needed for our task." The superintendents of missions ranked this third.

Second place problem for the superintendents was "Opposing forces in our society that hinder the spread of the gospel, such as: materialism, immorality, alcoholism, false religions, and philosophies." The secretaries ranked this seventh.

### Inadequate Support Seen

Inadequate financial support was the fourth ranked problem, and inadequate buildings and equipment was fifth. Lack of sufficient pastors was the sixth problem, and the large number of non-resident and

inactive church members was seventh.

Two explosive issues of the day, doctrinal controversy and race conflicts, were two of the lowest ranked problems by the mission leaders.

Some time was spent by the mission leaders in discussing solutions for these top ranked problems.

To provide more adequately trained pastors they suggested enlargement of the extension courses in the seminaries, more summer Bible courses in colleges, workshops, in-service training programs in colleges, and additional meetings on techniques of work.

To develop the spiritual fervor or Christian leaders they suggested spiritual retreats in the churches, a stronger emphasis on Training Union, an enlarged sense of personal commitment, an emphasis on the pastor's devotional life, more Bible study, and conferences for rural pastors.

## Radio-Tv Agency Sets New Record

History has been made at Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission today!

For the first time since the agency was begun, stations in all 50 states have accepted a particular program for broadcast.

A total of 472 radio stations requested "Carols of Christmas" for broadcast at their discretion during the Christmas season.

The aggregate of programs produced by the commission and broadcast in all 50 states in many countries, but never before has a program or a series been accepted simultaneously throughout the U. S., according to Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director.

A snowbound station in Minot, N. D., KQJB, caused "Carols of Christmas," a special double album of 15 five-minute radio service program segments, to achieve this distinction.

Each of the program segments features a Christmas carol and the story behind it, in both narration and music the special program album was offered to stations at no charge, as are all commission-produced radio and television programs.

## Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

**December 23** — Joe Baker, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. Margaret Cox, Mississippi College faculty.

**December 24** — J. Frank Davis, faculty, William Carey College; Ben W. Goodard, Greene — Wayne superintendent of missions.

**December 25** — Mrs. R. L. Melford, WMU vice - president, District III; Marian Leavell, Baptist Student Director, Ole Miss.

**December 26** — Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent, Children's Village; Kelly Wall, Mississippi association, National Training Union director.

**December 27** — Patricia Moore, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. O. M. Jones, Baptist Book Store manager.

**December 28** — Mrs. Annie Lou Addison, staff, Carey College; Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb, WMU vice - president, District IV.

**December 29** — Flora Posey, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Claude Foster, Monroe association, National Training Union director.

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**25 Years Ago**  
Good Hope Church, Winston County, closed a successful meeting with 16 additions, 11 for baptism. Pastor R. D. Pearson was assisted by W. W. Hamilton, visiting preacher.



## Courts May Test Federal School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) introduced in the Senate a bill providing for a possible court test on the constitutionality of federal grants and loans to church-related institutions.

The bill, jointly sponsored by Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D. Pa.), is a companion bill to the one introduced earlier in the House by Rep. Edith Green (D., Ore.).

Judicial review was a point of difference in the original Senate and House versions of the college aid bill. A provision for a possible court test on the constitutionality of federal funds for church-operated schools was included in the Senate version of the bill. The House opposed such a measure. The compromise version, passed by the House and now awaiting Senate approval, omitted the judicial review provision.

The companion House and Senate bills would provide for judicial review under four programs: (1) The present higher education measure, (2) The National Defense Education Act, (3) The Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act, and (4) The new Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act.

Mrs. Green's bill would allow a public or nonprofit agency or institution to challenge in the courts the constitutionality of grants or loans to any other institution. The Senate bill would expand this to two other parties. It would allow

any tax payer to bring suit, and it would allow a college which was denied funds on the grounds that such funds would be unconstitutional to bring a suit.

Sen. Morse stated that in the conference committee on the higher education bill he and Mrs. Green agreed that each would introduce legislation calling for judicial review. This, he said, which was not included in the conference bill.

Such legislation, Morse said, offers "An avenue of legislative approach for settling the exceedingly difficult constitutional problems which are of such deep concern to those of us who seek to pass the broadest possible educational legislation within the constitutional confines."

Mrs. Green, in introducing her bill earlier, made it clear that she did not believe the higher education measure "Violates any constitutional provision." She said she introduced the measure "Because some of my colleagues have expressed concern about it."

## State Adds Library In November

NASHVILLE — Oakl and Grove Baptist Church of Laurel, Miss., was among 42 churches registering libraries in November with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville.

David E. Townsend is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Townsend is librarian.

## CHURCH DISAPPROVES ADAMS

Cary Church, Rev. Doug Chatham, pastor, Cary, Miss., adopted on Dec. 4, a resolution opposing the appearance of Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., as a Southern Baptist representative on the NBC television network on Dec. 14.

The opposition was based on the contention that Mr. Adams is "actually a Northern Baptist," "never ordained by a Southern Baptist Church"; that he has "continued to promote affiliation of the SBC with the World Council of Churches"; that "he is a known liberal"; that he has been listed as sponsor of a Communist "front" organization; and that he is not a "suitable spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention."

The church went on record as "strongly opposed" to the appearance of Dr. Adams as "a spokesman for our denomination." Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Radio and Television Commission, all state papers, and neighboring churches. The resolution was signed by the pastor and church clerk.

## Tapscott Resigns

DALLAS, (BP)—L. H. Tapscott, secretary of the Brotherhood Department for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been elected minister of education for the 6,700 member Cliff Temple Church here.

Tapscott has directed statewide brotherhood work in Texas for the past 18 years. He assumes the local church position Jan. 1, 1964.

ance has grown from 189 to 262; church receipts have increased from \$14,000 to \$24,000 annually. Last year the church led George County in baptisms, with 40, and had the county's highest average in Training Union attendance, with 146.

Two new educational units have been added with air-conditioning and centralized heating. The recreational unit and children's building, church general office, library, pastor's study and educational director's office are contained in this additional 8,000 square feet of floor space.

At the close of the night services Rev. Hale and family were given a reception. There was a food pounding and a cash gift from the church to the pastor and his family.

Hale is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Betty Jean Inabnit, and they have four children, John William 15, Jim 12, Timothy 11, and Mary Denise 5.



Rev. G. W. Smith

## TEMPLE, PETAL CALLS PASTOR

Rev. G. W. Smith has been called as pastor of Temple Church, Petal, in Lebanon Association. He assumed his duties there Sunday, November 24.

Mr. Smith has been pastor of the Calvary Church in Pricedale for the past five years and eight months. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Lottie Bee Hart, have two children, Janell, 18, and Gregory, 13.

His former pastorates include Mount Morgan in Hinds County and Bethel in Lincoln County.

During Rev. Smith's pastorate at Calvary the church was relocated and an entire new structure erected. The church budget was doubled and all organizational work showed marked progress. There were 43 members added by baptism and almost an equal number by letter.



Rev. Bill Hale

## Rocky Creek Observes Pastor's Fourth Anniversary

Rocky Creek Church, George County, observed the fourth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Bill Hale, on Sunday, December 8.

In the past four years the average Sunday school attend-



**NEW MEMBERS OF FOUNDATION**—J. N. Barron of Crystal Springs (left) and Rev. Tom F. Rayburn of Laurel were elected at the recent meeting of the State Convention as trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. The retiring members were Charles O. Dean of Leland and Ed C. Polk of Hattiesburg. Each of these men had served for a number of years as trustees, Mr. Dean as president and Mr. Polk as chairman of the executive committee.



## Morgantown Builds Pastorium

Morgantown Church, Natchez recently completed the construction of a new pastorium. The brick-veneer house, with aluminum windows is built on a colonial theme. The house is located near the Morgantown school on a select piece of property donated to the church in 1957 by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Booker, Sr.

The house has three bedrooms, a pastor's study, two baths, a foyer, a living room, a den, and a modern kitchen. To the rear of the double carport is a storage room and a utility room. The living area of the house, which is centrally heated and cooled, provides 1590 square feet with 2200 square feet total space.

The residence was built by

the Lipscomb Construction Company of Natchez at a cost of approximately \$15,400.00. A limited amount of materials and most of the labor for wiring, roofing, and painting the house were donated. L. E. Booker, Sr. served as the Chairman of the Building Committee.

An "open house" was held Sunday afternoon, December 8, by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lee, and his wife.

The former pastor's residence is now being used by the Minister of Education and Music, Hubert Reeves. Thus, for the first time the Morgantown church owns two homes.

Plans are under discussion to begin building additional educational space.

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## Duties Of The Associational Royal Ambassador Leader

(Continued from September 19, 1963 issue)  
**3. MEETINGS FOR LEADERS AND COUNSELORS**  
Leadership training is the key to the success of any program. This vital phase of Royal Ambassador work must not be neglected. The boys will respond in proportion to what the Leaders and counselors know and do about the work. Associational leadership meetings may include:

A. Basic Leadership Courses

- (1) Courses available
  - Basic Training Course for Crusader Counselors
  - Basic Training Course for Pioneer Counselors
  - Basic Training Course for Ambassador Counselors

- (2) Time required  
Each course requires about 7½ hours.  
A course may be taught in one week or scheduled over a longer period of time.

- (3) Scheduling of courses  
Courses should be scheduled often enough to provide instruction for new counselors and assistant counselors.  
The more often courses are taught, the more counselors will be benefited.

- (4) Leaders in charge  
Only qualified men should teach Royal Ambassador courses.  
Committee members charged with the responsibility of a particular age group (Crusaders, pioneers, Ambassadors) should provide counselor training for counselors of that age group.  
Courses may be scheduled with counselor training and may secure other capable men to help teach these courses.

- (5) Leadership training materials available from Baptist book stores:  
The Crusader Counselor's

Guide  
The Pioneer Counselor's Guide  
The Ambassador Counselor's Guide

Instructor's Guide for Teaching the Pioneer Counselor's Guide  
Instructor's Guide for Teaching the Ambassador Counselor's Guide

Workbook for Mastering the Crusader Counselor's Guide  
Workbook for Mastering the Pioneer Counselor's Guide

Workbook for Mastering the Ambassador Counselor's Guide  
The Page Manual  
The Squire Manual  
The Knight Manual

"The Ambassador Chapter at Work" (Booklet)  
"The Ambassador Service-Aide Program" (Booklet)  
"The Ambassador and His Church" (booklet)

"Ambassadors and Christian Citizenship" (booklet)  
"Ambassadors and World Missions" (Booklet)  
"The Royal Ambassador Leader and Committee of a Church Brotherhood" (booklet)

Filmstrip—Available from Baptist book store "Fundamentals of Royal Ambassadors"  
"Planning and Conducting a Royal Ambassador Chapter Meeting"  
"The Royal Ambassador Leader and Committee of the Church Brotherhood"  
"Introducing Royal Ambassadors Campcraft"

(6) Records

Send the name, address, and church affiliation of each person completing the course to the State Brotherhood department. A card, certifying the completion of the course, should be sent to each man.



**MOST OF** the associational superintendents of missions were present for the annual fellowship and orientation program held for them at Camp Garaywa under sponsorship of the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary. The week-long program included messages, study, conferences, fellowship and testimonies. Included with the group were several associational moderators.



**FIVE WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE CO-EDS** were selected out of 21 to represent the beauty of the campus in the Carey yearbook, "The Crusader," for this current school year. One of the five has already been chosen as "Most Beautiful," but the identity will not be made known until the day that yearbooks are distributed to the students next May. Those five representing best the ideals of beauty, poise, personality, and charm were, left to right: Joy Sisk, Ann Nalls, Carol Brumfield, Dottie Hewitt and Linda Glaze.



**W. W. EASLEY II**, of Jackson, the architect, (left), presents key to new Midway building to Paul Monroe, chairman of the building and planning committee.

## Midway Dedicates New Building

Midway Church, Jackson, dedicated its new educational building December 1. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, superintendent of missions for Hinds Association, brought the dedicatory message. Mrs. O. U. Rushing, charter member of Midway and in whose home the Church was begun was recognized, along with Rev. Ray M. Dykes, a former pastor.

Other guests included the contractor, William Jones and the architect, W. W. Easley, II, both of Jackson. Mrs. Jack Grogan sang, "Bless This House" and Hulon Bilbo, chairman of deacons closed the service with a dedicatory prayer. Open house was held following the service.

The building was financed through the sale of \$150,000.00 in church bonds this past March. The campaign was directed by Dr. Ralph Kyle of Atlanta, Georgia and completed in three and one-half days. The total cost of the building was \$157,000.00. It is a three story building containing 17,697 sq. ft. and is the first unit of a three unit long range program.

The building was occupied December 8, with new records for Sunday School 557, and Training Union 243, being set. The pastor is Rev. W. Benton Preston.



**SEVERAL MEMBERS** were present for the most recent meeting of the State Historical Commission. From left: Rev. Reid Dicken, Charleston, president and member of Executive Committee; R. H. Posey, Flora, vice-president and member of Executive Committee; Rev. J. C. Sansing, Carrollton, member of Executive Committee; Dr. James B. Butler, Jackson, secretary and member of Executive Committee; Rev. F. K. Horton, Clarksdale; Rev. B. T. Bishop, Sr., Meadville, chairman of Executive Committee. Those not shown are: Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Laurel; Rev. J. Mack Jones, Port Gibson; Dr. J. S. Riser, Jackson, and Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton.

## 262 Churches Had Schools of Missions in '63

Rev. Leon Emery, schools of missions director, reports that 262 churches participated in Schools of Missions during the 1963 year.

The schools of missions program was emphasized in the northeast Area and 63 per cent of the churches in that area participated. Total attendance of 80,677 was reached.

257 missionaries participated. These were composed of foreign, home, state and associational missionaries. The larger group (87) were from foreign fields. They delivered 1453 missionary addresses.

400 mission study classes were conducted. Twenty-two made professions of faith and thirty-nine volunteered for full-time Christian service.

## Garland Stewart Dies at Ruleville

Garland S. Stewart, member and deacon of Ruleville Church, died on November 16, 1963.

The Ruleville pastor, Rev. Wilbur Webb, and deacons (E. P. Tolbert, Jr., chairman) have adopted a resolution expressing their sorrow at his death.

"Brother Stewart served his church, his community, his country, and his family with untiring faithfulness and love.

"We humbly and reverently call to memory the fellowship, the devoted, sacrificial, unselfish, and loyal service of this beloved friend. This is not mere sentimentality. Our every memory of this beloved servant inspires us to worthy living, nobler accomplishments, and deeper dedication."



Rev. James L. Terpo

## Pastor Accepts Mission Post

Rev. James L. Terpo, pastor of Richton Church the past three years, has accepted the position of superintendent of missions for Panola Association and will begin his new work Jan. 6.

Mr. Terpo is a native of West Blocton, Ala., and a graduate of Carey College. He has also attended Howard College Extension Center in Birmingham. The Richton Church has grown substantially under his leadership. There has been total of 101 additions, with 39 of these by baptism.

The building fund has increased from \$2,900 to \$24,000. Cooperative Program gifts have increased to 15 per cent of budget while associational missions gifts now compose 2 per cent of budget.

The church is enrolled in the Church Development Ministry. It has adopted the rotation plan of electing deacons and the budget has been increased from \$18,000 to \$30,000.



# Missions In Montana

(Fourth and Final in Series)

By Owen Cooper  
Yazoo City  
Bozeman

Bozeman, population 13,000, has a church with a membership of approximately 40. It is located in the southwestern part of Montana. Bozeman is the site of Montana State University with approximately 5,000 students, the largest college in Montana.

The church in Bozeman meets in the basement of the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton. Brother Hamilton serves as pastor of the church. Brother and Mrs. Hamilton have long been interested in BSU work and this interest has continued since their arrival in Montana. Brother Hamilton serves as state BSU director on a voluntary basis in addition to the work among the college students on the Montana State University campus and his duties as pastor.

There is a great need for a building in Bozeman which would provide not only a suitable place for worship but adequate educational facilities. A program is being developed which may lead to the securing of property and later the erection of a first unit building.

Bozeman was the last of the churches visited during the late July trip. (The situation has changed somewhat in Bozeman since that time but I am not in a position to comment on the change at this time.)

Time and transportation limitations made it impossible to visit all of the churches and mission points in Montana. A brief comment about the areas and places not visited appears appropriate.

## Forsyth

There is a church at Forsyth, Montana, located in the east central part of the state. This church has a nice building and has recently acquired a pastor's home. Rev. Forrest B. Williams serves as pastor of the church. During the past few

years he has been teaching school, but now has retired and will give substantially full time to the duties of pastor.

The church at Forsyth is composed largely of ranchers who live in the general area. Plans are underway to intensify the program of enlisting additional people from the town of Forsyth itself.

## Fort Benton

The Baptist Church at Fort Benton has been faced with some difficulties. The pastor resigned some time back, but continued on until he could get work in another area. The church is small, and the town is not large, with a population of 2,000 people. The church is located approximately 35 miles northeast of Great Falls, Montana.

The Church at Fort Benton has a nice building which was acquired from another denomination. Plans are underway to secure a pastor in the near future to carry on the program in the community.

## Hamilton

Hamilton, Montana, population 2,500, is located in the south western part of Montana. Rev. Frances Speakman serves as pastor of the Hamilton Church and supports himself largely through work as a carpenter.

The church has a new building which was made possible largely through underwriting from the Tunica Baptist Church, Tunica, Mississippi; the Sunflower Baptist Church, Sunflower, Mississippi; and a layman from the Gulf Coast.

The work in Hamilton continues to grow, and recent Sunday School attendance reached 64. The church hopes to be able to make some payment toward the pastor's salary in the near future in order that he may devote more time to the church work and the church program.

## Anaconda

The church in Anaconda, Montana was organized as a mission in the summer of 1962

by a Mississippi College student who was serving as a summer missionary. This student, Arthur Blessitt, stayed out of school for the fall semester of 1962 in order to carry the mission into the organization of a church.

The church was organized in the fall of 1962. After Brother Blessitt left, the church called Rev. Tom Hudson, then assistant pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, as its pastor. He moved to Montana to assume duties about the first of January, 1963.

Under Brother Hudson's leadership the church has continued to grow and make progress in every respect. The Summer Vacation Bible School was a notable success.

There is a good probability of the church acquiring a lot on which they would plan to erect a small, first unit of a building. The Broadmoor Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi is providing the church at Anaconda with financial assistance.

## Missoula

The church at Missoula, Montana is pastored by Rev. W. A. Wiggins. The church was organized in 1957, and has about 60 members. They recently acquired a lot with the assistance of the Home Mission Board and plans are underway to erect a first unit building on the lot.

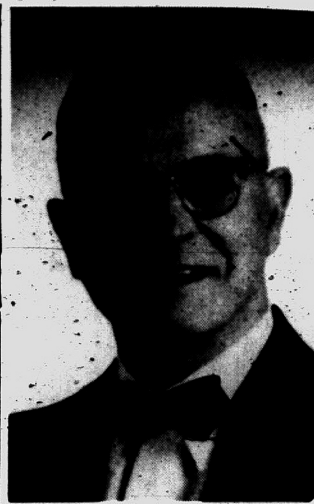
Missoula is the home of the University of Montana and is the 4th largest city in Montana.

After having seen most of the churches in Montana, the progress being made, the difficulties encountered, the dedication of the pastors, the commitment of the members and the assistance given from Mississippi, the impression definitely came that Southern Baptists have a great future in Montana. The work will be slow but it is being built on a firm foundation and within 10 years time Southern Baptists can be the largest Protestant denomination in the state.

## Summary

In closing it might be of interest to point out the extent of work done by various groups in Mississippi thus far during 1963:

1. Assisted in promoting and coordinating the April, 1963 pastor-led crusade.
2. A Youth Revival Team, composed of three young men from William Carey College, conducted eighteen three-day revivals in nineteen Southern Baptist Churches in Montana in the summer of 1963.
3. Five summer student missionaries were sent to Montana in addition to those sent by the Home Mission Board and the State BSU. These five students conducted Vacation Bible Schools, religious census, surveys and were of general assistance to the various churches in which they worked.
4. Assisted in the organization of a mission in Livingston, Montana where a Mississippi College summer missionary served as summer pastor.
5. Assisted in the beginning of a mission in Libby, Montana with a Mississippi College ministerial graduate serving as pastor for the first fourteen months.
6. Assisted in starting a mission in Havre, Montana through a direct financial contribution in getting the work underway.
7. Assisted in starting a building program for the East Helena Baptist Church by participating in the purchase of a lot to be used by the mission for the erection of a building.
8. Assisted with a financial contribution in the moving expenses of three pastors to Montana.
9. Assisted in the location of four Mississippi teachers in Montana to teach during next year.
10. Conducted a Laymen's Crusade in Montana during the summer of 1963.
11. Assisted directly and indirectly in planning, coordinating and developing programs which have resulted in the following:
  - a. providing an adequate meeting place for the Indian mission at Brockton.
  - b. the permanent establishment of Southern Baptist work in Miles City.
  - c. erection of a parsonage for Calvary Church in Helena.
  - d. erection of an addition to the South Side Church in Billings.
  - e. acquisition of a building site, pastor's home and small chapel for the Westside Church in Great Falls.
12. WMU leadership courses held in each of the four associations in Montana conducted by eight Mississippi WMU leaders and a Mississippi foreign missionary.



Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr.

## PATTERSON TO RETIRE

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., for the past eighteen years associational missionary, has resigned his present work as Superintendent of Missions for Grenada and Yalobusha Associations, to be effective on January 1, 1964. He will have served in his present position three years and four months.

On February 1, of this year, he closed ten years service as Area Missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The other eight years were given to that of associational missions. He has served in the following north Mississippi counties: Calhoun, Pontotoc, Alcorn, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Monroe, Grenada and Yalobusha.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary of Cooperative Missions, for Mississippi Baptist Convention Board stated, "No man in our associational force has meant more to associational missions and to the mission causes of Mississippi and Southern Baptists than Brother Patterson."

Prior to becoming an associational missionary Rev. Patterson served as pastor in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi. Some of his Mississippi pastorates include Anguilla, Delta City, Crestwood—Jackson, Calhoun City, and Okolona. He was pastor of the Longview Heights Church, Memphis, Tennessee, just prior to returning to Mississippi.

Rev. and Mrs. Patterson will continue to reside in Grenada, where they have their home at 350 College Blvd. Patterson has served five years beyond the age retirement set for the State Mission Board employees, and two years beyond that limit of the Home Mission Board.

Although retiring from his present field of work, Missionary Patterson will continue to render any services open to him—such as pulpits, supply, and other forms of church work available from time to time. This year is his forty-ninth in the ministry.

## Beulah Memorial Pastor Ordained

Recently called pastor of Beulah Memorial Church, Brownsville, Rev. Rollin Hill, was ordained Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, in ceremonies held at the Clinton Boulevard Church in Jackson.

Hill, a Mississippi College junior formerly of St. Louis, Mo., with his wife, Joann, and five-year-old son, Gregory, had moved into the parsonage the day before.

The ordination council consisted of Rev. Joe H. Royalty, pastor of Clinton Blvd. Church and moderator; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, retired professor of Bible at Mississippi College; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions for Hinds County; Rev. J. N. Gipson, evangelist; Rev. J. D. Nazary, pastor, West Jackson church; Rev. C. P. Douglas, minister; and Rev. R. R. Newman, who served as clerk of the council, all a minister.

At the afternoon service, Rev. Royalty read the Scripture; Dr. Hensley presented the charge; Evangelist Johnny Gipson, representing Clinton Blvd. Church, presented Rev. Hill with an ordination Bible.

## Circulation of New Periodicals Now Soaring

NASHVILLE—Circulation figures are climbing above expectations for one new Baptist Sunday School Board periodical and three others new in format. All became available October 1.

Connely McCray, supervisor of the literature information service in the board's church literature department, has released circulation figures.



INCLUDED IN THE Homecoming Court for Saturday, December 7, at William Carey College were, left to right: Dickie Owens, Mobile, Alabama; Carol Pierce, Los Angeles, California; Nathan Hale, Meridian; Carol Jo Edwards, Leaf; Tommy Russ, Mobile, Ala.; Carolyn Simpson, Theodore, Ala.; Betty Duncan, Satsuma, Ala.; Mike Howard, McLaurin; Mildred Alexander, Pickets, South Carolina; and Lerlin Dow, Greenwood, South Carolina.

## MUSIC EDUCATION AT HEART OF NATION-WIDE CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE—Music education is at the heart of the first nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist Musicians, set for Feb. 11-13 in Louisville.

Thirteen simultaneous conferences on many phases of church music education will be held during the afternoons of Feb. 12 and 13.

A faculty of nationally known music educators and artists have been invited for the conference, which commemorates 20 years of organized music work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Conferences by titles and leaders are:

"Administering the graded choir program," Dr. Federal Lee Whittlesey, executive secretary-treasurer of the Chorists' guild, Dallas.

"Choral problems for the pre-adolescent" and "Introducing part-singing," Mrs. Mabel Stewart Boyter, specialist in music training for children, Atlanta.

"Choral Technique and Interpretation," Dr. Harry Robert Wilson, chairman of the music department at teachers college, Columbia University, New York City.

"Choral Writing," Dr. W. Lawrence Curry, music con-

sultant for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia.

"Church Solo Singing," Mrs. Cecilia Ward, soloist in concert and oratorio, Alexandria, La., (emphasis on standard solo repertoire) and Dr. Claude H. Rhea, head of the division of fine arts, Houston (Tex.) Baptist College, (Emphasis on hymns and gospel songs as solo repertoire).

"Exploring The Changing Voice" and "After The Changing Voice, What?" Dr. Travis Shelton, professor of music education, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

"Growth and Development of the Young Child's Voice" and "Teaching Songs to Young Children," Dr. Robert B. Smith, child research laboratory, University of Illinois, Urbana.

## How Is Your Diction?

"How Is Your Diction?" Mr. Madeleine Marshall, teacher of English singing diction at Juillard School of Music, New York City, and at the school of sacred music, Union Theological Seminary.

"Hymns and Hymn Tunes" and "Planning the Worship Service," Hugh T. McElrath, assistant professor of church music, school of church music, Southern Seminary, Louisville.

"Master Organ Class," H. Max Smith, organist and artist in residence at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

"Master piano class," and "Class Piano Pedagogy," Dr. Louis O. Ball, Jr., chairman of the music department, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

"Music Therapy" and "Music for the Unusual Child," Mr. Dorothy Brin Crocker, director of music therapy, Shady Brook Schools, Richardson, Tex., and instructor in music therapy, Southern Methodist University.

"Utilizing Orchestral Instruments," Dr. Robert S. Douglas, professor of musicology, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

The nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist musicians is under the direction of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in co-operation with the state music departments of the SBC.

## Committee Named To Pick Executive

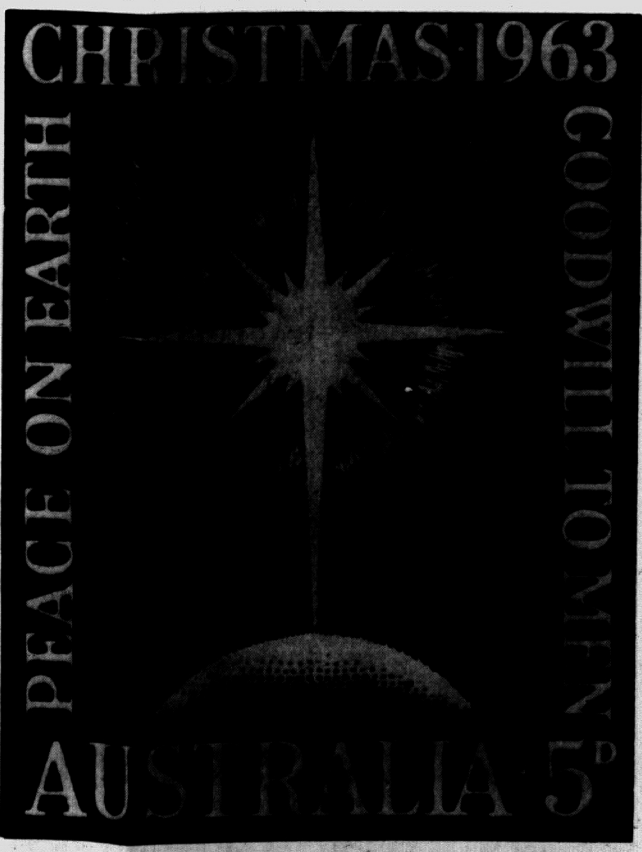
ATLANTA (BP)—C. G. Cole of Atlanta, president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, named 12 members of the agency as a committee to nominate an executive secretary.

The action came following the announcement by executive secretary Courts Redford of his retirement effective December 31, 1964.

Named to the committee were the following: Bert I. Cherry of Illinois, chairman; David Hall of Arizona, Joe Weldon Bailey of Texas, Harold Hicks of Arkansas, Volus Norsworthy of Oklahoma, Lloyd White of Florida, Mrs. Roy W. Babb of Tennessee, William A. Mitchiner of North Carolina, G. W. Bullard of Maryland, James H. Robb of Pennsylvania (Representing Ohio Baptists), John W. Hughton, Jr., of Georgia, and Mrs. John J. Hurt, Jr., of Georgia. President Cole is an ex officio member of the committee.



ASTRONAUT COOPER RECEIVES METHODIST MEDALLION—LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Maj. L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., (right), as astronaut whose 22-orbit flight last May is the longest made by an American, was honored at Louisville, Ky., for his Christian witness. He receives a World Methodist Council medallion from Dr. Kermit Long of Phoenix, Ariz., at the annual meeting of the national Methodist Council of Evangelism. Dr. Long is outgoing president of the Council. Maj. Cooper, a Methodist who named his space capsule "Faith 7," told some 400 persons at the annual meeting that religion "has always been a significant part of my life." (RNS Photo)



AUSTRALIAN STAMP HAS RELIGIOUS THEME—SYDNEY—The Star of Bethlehem shines from Australia's 1963 Christmas stamp. The star and its shining light are printed in silver, the remainder of the stamp in light blue. It carries the message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." (RNS Photo)

## Top 25 Churches In Awards List Two From Mississippi

Two churches from Mississippi have received special recognition for work done in Category 17 of the Church Study Course in the Southern Baptist Convention.

First in the state and ninth in the convention was Broadmoor, Jackson, Dr. David Grant, pastor, and Edwin Quattlebaum, Minister of Education. The Broadmoor Church, with a Sunday school enrollment of 1924, earned 372 awards in Category 17 (Sunday school teaching and methods). Total awards earned were 1023.

First Church, Brookhaven, Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor, and Donald H. Holton, Minister of Education, was second in the state and eleventh in the Convention with 361. First Church has a Sunday school enrollment of 1369 and earned a total of 956 awards last year, 1962-'63.

With the aid of this training, both of these churches are also leaders in the field of Standard Sunday School units. Broad-

moor leads with 75 units while First, Brookhaven has earned 41, for the year 1962-'63.

Other leaders in Total Training awards are: First, Jackson—924; Calvary, Jackson—902; and Parkway, Jackson—843.

## Calvary Enlarges Music Facilities

Calvary Church, Tupelo, Rev. W. L. Day, pastor, has experienced such a rapid growth in its music ministry that a program of remodeling of music facilities is underway. The church has moved its music suite to another part of the building, and has provided a rehearsal area for ninety voices.

The former facilities took care of only 41 choir members. The choir loft, located in the sanctuary, that previously seated 35 people, has been expanded to accommodate 65 voices. This is an accomplishment for a church with a membership of twelve hundred.

According to Jack Day, Minister of Music for the Calvary Church, the new facilities will be occupied by the first of the years. The rapidly growing music ministry now has an enrollment of about 150 voices.

## Yuletide Music

The Youth Choir will sing a cantata, "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson on Sunday night, December 15, followed by a Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday night, December 18.

The Adult Choir will sing "Born a King," another Peterson work on Sunday night, December 22.

Aside from these two musicals, the music department plans a carol sing for downtown Tupelo shoppers and for the Community Hospital.

The Youth Choir will also engage in an "old fashioned" carol sing for the "shut-ins" of Tupelo.

## Youth Choir Tour

Some fifty young people of the Calvary Church will share their talent with churches of a two-state area. The youngsters, under the leadership of Jack Day, Minister of Music, will sing a concert of music for churches in Mississippi and Louisiana terminating their tour in New Orleans.

The choir tour will begin the first week in June 1964.

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**MRS. FRANK SHOFFNER**, at left, above, Tishomingo Association Training Union director, was responsible for the unusual program planned for that association's "M" Night. Pictured with Mrs. Shoffner, and also shown in bottom photo, is "Mr. Baptist Heritage," portrayed by Rev. Tate Presley. The featured speaker for the service was Rev. Billy Roby, pastor, First, Booneville, who followed the theme, "Commit Thou to Faithful Men." At the close of the service about fifty people committed themselves to winning the lost in 1964. Rev. Donald Graham, one of the pastors in Tishomingo County, surrendered for foreign missions.

## Names In The News

**Rev. Bill Causey**, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, was the December 3 speaker for BSU-sponsored vespers at Mississippi State University. He was also the featured speaker for Oktibbeha County Association "M" Night the same evening.

**Rev. S. G. Pope** has been called to serve as interim pastor of Friendship Church, McComb, Pike Association. Rev. Pope assumed his duties on December 1.

**Bobby Shows**, president of Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University, was the speaker for morning worship at the Mathiston Church on December 1. The B.S.U. at State presented the evening service with several students bringing their testimonies. Rev. Ellis Richardson is pastor of the Mathiston Church.

**Rev. David Boothe** was recently called as pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church in Oktibbeha Association. Boothe formerly pastored the Mayhew

Church in Lowndes County. Rev. Boothe is presently serving as president of the Married Baptist Student Union Council at Miss. State University.

**Rev. Franz Cornelius**, senior at Miss. State University, recently accepted the pastorate of the Mayhew Church in Lowndes County. He is devotional chairman of the Baptist Student Union at Miss. State University.

**Dr. William Garman**, professor of social ethics at New Orleans Theological Seminary, was a recent speaker for Vespers at the Baptist Student Center, Miss. State University.

**Huel Moseley**, 1963 BSU summer missionary to Hong Kong, presented his slides and mission message to university students at the First Church, Starkville, on Sunday evening, December 8. Moseley is now serving as Minister of Music and Education at Tate Street Church, Corinth. He is a 1963 graduate of Miss. State.

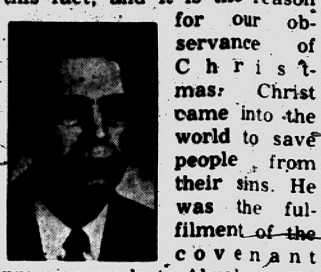
## Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

DECEMBER 15, 1963		
Aberdeen, 1st	370	110
Biloxi		
First	506	212
Emmanuel	272	129
Brandon, 1st	406	293
Brookhaven, 1st	475	219
Calhoun City, 1st	319	132
Columbia, 1st	694	252
Collins	214	134
Crystal Springs, 1st	506	185
Glade (Leb.)	177	117
Greenwood, North	426	138
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	188	38
Northward Chapel	37	
Hattiesburg	346	174
38th Avenue	257	154
Central	351	200
Temple	474	197
First	591	240
Main Street	411	191
Main	622	352
North Main	14	11
West Main	33	22
Canal Zone Mission	42	
Houston, 1st	406	243
Main	359	187
Parlay Chapel	47	56
Jackson:		
Midway	383	164
Calvary	1463	642
Main	1358	577
Mission	75	65
Southside	271	149
McDowell Road	208	131
Ridgeway	769	305
Daniel Memorial	730	300
Broadmoor	1181	519
Magnum Park	309	130
Robinson St.	175	108
Woodville Heights	542	237
Hillcrest	251	111
Parkway	1494	359
Forest Hill	305	131
McLaurin Heights	247	149
Lakeview Mission	11	240
West Jackson	1016	469
Alta Woods	328	186
Highland	403	149
Oak Forest	170	98
Koussko, Parkway		
Laurel:		
West Laurel	348	125
Highland	159	129
Plains	85	47
Second Avenue		
McComb:		
South	218	94
East	367	137
Central	218	93
Naville	159	102
Meridian:		
Hickory Grove Chapel	117	76
Midway	121	65
State Boulevard	421	178
Calvary	381	169
Main	387	155
Forward Survey Mission	4	14
Pine Springs Mission	12	
Victory Village	374	186
South Side	171	111
Main	22	15
Fulton Avenue Mission	293	153
Oakland Heights	650	235
Highland	514	192
Pozz Springs Drive	464	209
Fifteenth Avenue	210	109
Morton, 1st	308	145
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	50	56
Pascagoula, 1st	614	230
Main	582	230
G. C. Nursing Home	17	
Martin Bluff	139	63
Petal, Temple	335	117
Pearl	187	62
Pearson	157	68
Pineville, 1st	477	160
Main	36	46
Mission	92	54
Poachontas	824	361
Springfield (Scott)	233	137
Starkville, 1st	472	170
Terry	523	211
Tunnel:	606	249
First	505	196
Calvary		
Hattiesburg		
West Point, 1st		

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Born To Make Men Free

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 2:1-20; Galatians 3:4  
"God sent forth his son."



The Christian gospel rests on this fact, and it is the reason for our observance of Christmas. Christ came into the world to save people from their sins. He was the fulfillment of the covenant promise made to Abraham. He is also the Mediator of a new covenant, the covenant of grace. The law was given in the providence of God to the children of Israel, not to be a means of salvation, but to point men to their need of a Saviour. Until Christ came, men were shut up under bondage to the law, but he came to make men free in the redemption of grace. As Christians, let us not turn back to legalism, to the bondage of the works of the law; but let us rejoice in the freedom of the lordship of Christ.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come." But there are unnumbered millions of persons who have not heard the good news, who are in the bondage of spiritual ignorance, moral corruption, and godless atheism. Does this not have meaning for our observance of Christmas? What does it say as to our gratitude and our stewardship?

**The Lesson Explained  
GOD-SENT FORTH HIS SON**  
(Luke 2:8-14)

The birth of Jesus Christ is a declared fact in the Scriptures. It was a real event in human history. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary: the Son of God was born of a woman: the Word became flesh! Let us have our faith anchored in the reality of the birth of Jesus Christ, regardless of any effort to minimize that fact in comparison with the importance of an experiential relationship with the living Christ now.

Luke recorded the sublime fact and the wondrous attestation that followed. An angel of the Lord surrounded by the

shining glory of the Lord appeared to humble shepherds and announced to them the good news of the Saviour's birth. His coming meant great joy for all people because he came to be the Saviour of the world. The shepherds were given a sign. They would find him in the city of David a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly, a multitude of heavenly beings joined the angel and burst forth in an anthem of praise, not only ascribing worship to God but also declaring his purpose of peace and good will among men. Something took place in miracle and mystery and meaning which meant hope for the world. God in Christ had entered into the human scene to accomplish redemption for mankind.

**CHRIST SET MEN FREE**  
(Gal. 4:4-5)

Paul tells us that Christ was born "when the fullness of the time was come." The drama of redemption was set in human history at the time planned by the sovereign God. Christ was born under the law, that is, he was subject to the conditions of human existence and the legal controls under which people live. He was truly human. But he came to redeem men from the obligations of the law which they could not keep and make it possible for them to receive the adoption of sons and enjoy the liberty of the children of God. Because of the bondage of evil, they found themselves impotent to meet the moral requirements set forth in the law. Christ, perfect in righteousness and wholly without sin, because our substitute, our ransom, and thus set us free from the condemnation resting upon us. This is not freedom from moral obligation but freedom from condemnation because of moral guilt, weakness, and failure.

He impresses on us our relationship to the Father. He enables us to pray to the Father. He kindles in us the desire to please the Father. He makes us aware of the obligations of our sonship and stimulates an attitude of trust and obedient devotion. He reminds us that we are heirs of God through Christ. In all these ways the Christian is set in a relationship to God the Father and Christ the Saviour in which we are free—free from rites and ceremonies as a means to gaining favor with God, free from the condemnation of the law because of our own sins, free from the power of sinful habits, and free to acknowledge Christ as Lord and do our utmost to bring every thought and every purpose and every deed into captivity to his will.

**Truths to Live By**  
The birth of Jesus calls for praise. — There should be praise in song, praise in testimony, praise in prayer, praise in reverent worship, and praise in glad self-giving to do what will honor him. If the spirit of praise could possess Christians during the Christmas season, the celebration of the Saviour's birth would be lifted from the level of self-centered indulgence, extremes of lavish gifts to loved ones and friends, and a round of exciting pleasures to the high level of Christ-centered worship. We praise Christ best by opening our hearts wide to the glory of his presence that he may make us instruments of his righteousness and joy and peace.

**The redemption of Christ calls for sharing.**—His coming to the earth was for the redemption of men, and this is good news to be proclaimed throughout the whole earth. This is the truth that should come home to Christians with staggering reality. They have something which people everywhere desperately need. Without the redemption of Christ, men are still in the bondage of unbelief, moral weakness, spiritual condemnation, and the certainty of eternal death. What if a sure cure for cancer were discovered? The remedy would be proclaimed everywhere and the means marshalled to make it available to every race and nation and every stricken victim. How can Christians be so indifferent to their duty and their privilege? The greatest remedy for the worst disease is to be found in the redemption of Christ. Let Christians share this blessing with the whole wide earth.

**The freedom of sonship calls for devotion.**—We are bound to the Father by faith and love, not by domination and force. We obey him voluntarily, not because we are compelled to do so. We strive to please him because we are his children, not because of terrifying fear of his punishment. It is this relationship of sonship that should call from us the purest love and the strongest devotion. When our devotion weakens, we bring shame upon ourselves because we are found unworthy of the freedom bestowed upon us.

**Memorial Services**  
A number of Baptist churches surrounding Dallas joined in community wide memorial services Monday prior to the funeral service in Washington.



## ACCEPTS GLADE PASTORATE

Rev. Glen T. Williams has resigned as pastor of the Lake Como Church at Bay Springs and as Superintendent of Missions of the Jasper County Association, to accept the pastorate of Glade Church near Laurel in Jones Association. He began his work at Glade on November 1.

During his ministry at Lake Como, the church participated in the Church Development Ministry, and has received both state and national recognition in this program. During this period three young men entered the gospel ministry. The Sunday school enrollment has doubled. Baptisms have increased regularly in a ratio of 1 to 6.4 last year. Missions giving has increased from approximately \$200.00 to more than \$1,000.00 last year. Prior to his work in Jasper County, Rev. Williams served as pastor in pioneer missions work in California for eight and one-half years. He received his college training at California Baptist College in Riverside, California and at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Williams is the former Ella Mae Turner of Clarendon, Arkansas. They have four children.

## Mrs. Furr Sets 7-Year Record

Mrs. H. G. Furr has completed seven years of perfect attendance at Sunday school at Arcola Church. She is teacher of a Primary class, and is this year associational superintendent of Primary work in Washington County. Rev. Jimmy McGee is pastor of Arcola Church, and Mrs. James V. Bowman is Sunday school superintendent.

## Courtland Church Ordains Preacher

On November 24, the Courtland Church, Panola County, ordained Rev. Chester Eugene Roberson to the gospel ministry. Rev. Roberson has accepted the pastorate of the Shady Grove Church, Panola County. Rev. Jim Joslin, superintendent of missions, Panola County, served as moderator for the ordination service. Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor at Courtland, preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge. Homer Woodruff presented the Bible. Rev. Charles Stubblefield led the ordination prayer after laying on of hands.

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## Guidance Clinic Set Dec. 9-10

NASHVILLE — The first vocational guidance clinic for state Baptist workers was held Dec. 9-10 at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The program featured a symposium on "Foundations of vocational guidance" presented by Dr. James Hobbs and Dr. Allen W. Graves.

Dr. Hobbs is director of counseling and testing at David Lipscomb College and president of Tennessee personnel and guidance association, Nashville. Dr. Graves is dean of the school of Religious education at Southern Seminary. A second symposium, "Church-related vocations volunteers," was presented by Dr. Samuel Southard, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, and Lloyd T. Householder, the board's director of vocational guidance and clinic director.

"When God calls," a pageant on church-related vocations by Sarah Miller, a Houston resident is an approved worker of the board's church recreation department.

Five work groups discussed recruiting for church-related vocations and the program of vocational guidance in state conventions, camps and assemblies, and on campuses. Group leaders were workers from Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, several state Training Union departments and the Sunday School Board.

## Thousands Pay Respects In Dallas Memorial Services

DALLAS (BP) — In funeral services—simple by contrast to those in Washington—Beckley Hills Baptist Church paid its last respects to Policeman J. D. Tippit. The 39-year-old officer was killed Friday as he attempted to question Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

An overflow crowd of 2,000 heard Tippit's pastor, The Rev. C. D. Tipps, speak on the assurance of the resurrection. The flower-bedecked church was filled an hour before the service. Closed circuit television sets were provided in Sunday school rooms and outside on the church lawn.

"Today we are mourning the passing of a devoted public servant," the Rev. Tipps said. "He was doing his duty when he was taken by the lethal bullet of a poor confused, misguided, ungodly assassin—as was our president."

**Tippit A Baptist**  
Tippit had been a member of Beckley Hills Baptist Church for about a year and a half. His pastor said that he was "fairly active," considering that Tippit usually held other

employment in addition to serving on the police force. The Tippits lived about a mile from the church.

Tippit's wife and family are also members of the church. Pastor Tipps stated that the policeman's oldest son, Allen, was especially active in Sunday school and Royal Ambassadors.

Assisting Pastor Tipps in the locally televised service was the Rev. Jim Bowman, vice-moderator of the Dallas Baptist Association and pastor of the Ferguson Road Baptist Church. Music was by the church choir, directed by Harlen Center.

Baptist pastors in Dallas and Fort Worth Reported that Sunday's attendance was unusually large and a spirit of deep remorse was prevalent. Most of these churches were open Monday for Prayer, with several holding special memorial services.

**Memorial Services**  
A number of Baptist churches surrounding Dallas joined in community wide memorial services Monday prior to the funeral service in Washington.

## Court of Honor Held For Gunnison Scouts

A Court of Honor for Gunnison Boy Scout Troop 17 was held at Gunnison Methodist Church on November 26; the newly formed Girl Scout Troop held a joint ceremony with them.

Rev. Leo Timms, pastor of Gunnison Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Three Eagle Scouts with Bronze Palms received Gold Palms: Steve Cockerham, Leo George McGee, and Kenny Sanders. Seven others received promotions and merit badges.

In Cleveland on November 21 the Gunnison Boy Scout Troop received the National Camping Award and a Plaque for outstanding achievement in 1963.

The Girl Scouts are under leadership of Mrs. L. E. Howard, with Betty Lou Beale as assistant. An investiture ceremony was held and Mrs. Howard presented pins to 17 Girl Scouts.

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**PARTICIPATING** in Blue Mountain College's community-wide Christmas Caroling of Monday evening, December 16, were the young women above, left to right: Lucy Shirley, Tupelo; Eva John Purvis New Albany; and Ann Smith, Memphis. These and other groups of carolers sang in the streets, at windows of shut-ins and sick people, in the faculty residence areas, and at every campus dormitory. Carolers assembled afterward for refreshments before a Yule Log fire on the hearth of Broach Auditorium fireplace.



Rev. John C. Stevens

### CARTERSVILLE CALLS PASTOR

Cartersville Church, Hattiesburg, has called Rev. John C. Stevens as pastor.

Rev. Stevens, a recent graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., is a Junior at Carey College.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have five children; Linda 13, John Jr. 11, Kathy 10, Barbara Jean 9 and David 8.

Rev. Stevens is from Jack-

sonville, Fla., and Mrs. Stevens, the former Lenouese Royal, is from Brooksville, Fla.

Mr. Stevens was pastor of Corinth Church, Hosford, Fla., before coming to Hattiesburg.

While serving in Florida in the Apalachee Baptist Association, he held various association posts—clerk, music director, Training Union director and conference leader.

Before entering Baptist Bible Institute, he was employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Lakeland, Florida.

So every man—lawyer, doctor, merchant, it does not matter—must see his life in relation to God's purpose in his time. We have only one life to live. There ought to be for each of us, however, a central philosophy, a consuming commitment of purpose, a conviction that is like a guideline running through the light and darkness, the order and chaos of our day. We must be awake to God's purpose and to our time!—H. Guy Moore.

### Southside Choirs Sing In Christmas Music Programs

The Youth and Adult Choirs of Southside Church, Meridian, presented Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday night, December 15. The Junior Choirs presented "Lo A Star" by Robert Graham on Wednesday night, December 18.

The combined seven choirs, all in robes of different colors will present a Christmas Carol Program-Sunday morning, December 22.

James B. McElroy is minister of music, and Rev. Maurice Clayton is pastor.

### Kentucky College Seeks New Home

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Bethel College, Baptist two-year school here, is looking for a new home in western Kentucky.

Its trustees said the building of a two-year branch of the University of Kentucky here by 1965 "Places Bethel College in an untenable position as a Hopkinsville institution" since the city, educators say, is "Too small adequately to support two colleges."

Bethel president P. Harris Anderson and a trustee committee will "Investigate possible offers of other western Kentucky communities as to a suitable site and adequate financial and student support." They will report by next Feb. 1.

### Patsy Allen Named ODR Newswriter

NASHVILLE—Miss Patsy Allen of Memphis has been named newswriter in the Sunday School Board's office of denominational relations. She began her new work Dec. 9.

For the past two years, she has worked on the staff of "The Commercial Appeal," Memphis. Before that she was a piano and accordion teacher at Central Academy of Music, Memphis.

The United States infant mortality rate in twelve years has dropped from 29.2 deaths per thousand live births to 25.3 a thousand—a decrease of 13.4 per cent.

## DEVOTIONAL— Some Worshipped, Some Wondered, And Some Wrought Evil

Luke 2:8-18

Matthew 2:1-11:16

By Rev. Lewis A. Curtis  
Pastor, First, Calhoun City

When Christ was born there were some who worshipped, some who wondered, and some who wrought evil. Every year when his birth is celebrated there are similar reactions. Everyone has heard the story of the shepherds and angels.

The angels' announcement followed by the praise of a heavenly choir inspired the shepherd to go in search for the new born king. Finding him, the shepherds worshipped. The visit of the wise men is a well-known and beloved story to all of us. The wise men traveled far with treasured gifts in their hands to bow in worship before Christ.

The purpose of the shepherds' hasty trip into Bethlehem and the wise men's long and guided journey was to worship Jesus.

There are detailed theories which aim at changing the meaning of the simple Bible version of Jesus' birth. Some take an unholy pride in claiming to be too intelligent to accept as factual the Christmas story. Worshippers of Christ have become participants in a miracle which was performed by almighty God.

There were those who wondered at Jesus' birth. When the shepherds had completed their visit to the stable, they told others about the child and what the angel had said to them concerning him. Everyone who heard the shepherds' account wondered at the things they were told.

Still, some wonder about all of this. They are not willing to commit their lives to Christ and the way of life he offers. Their better sense of judgement warns them it would be folly to deny a power which is so obvious and a person as real to millions as Jesus is.

The picture in Bethlehem is not all lovely. Some wrought evil against a background of rejoicing, wonderment, and worship in which others engaged.

Herod set evil forces into operation when he heard from the wise men of Jesus' birth. This cruel and depraved ruler despised any who threatened the rapidly waning power he possessed.

At this Christmas season some will be more interested in doing evil than accepting God's goodness.

Don't expect this Christmas to be different in its effect upon people than the first Christmas and other Christmases have been. Some will worship, some will wonder, and some will work evil.

We will have successfully observed Christmas if we gain a few more worshippers, change the wonder of some to faith, and arouse in men's hearts a desire to do good rather than evil.

### T. R. McKIBBENS LOSES MOTHER

Mrs. Lessie M. McKibbens, age 80 mother of Dr. T. R. McKibbens of Laurel, died at a Cullman, Ala., hospital last week.

She was buried in the cemetery at Center Hill Baptist Church, Hanceville, Ala.

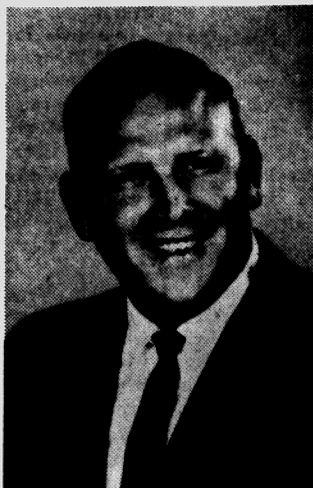
Dr. T. R. McKibbens is pastor of the First Church of Laurel and president of the State Convention Board.

### REVIVAL RESULTS

Greenville, Emmanuel: November 17-24; one profession of faith; four by promise of letter; 25 rededications; Rev. J. D. Lundy, evangelist; Norman Herrin, song leader; Rev. Robert Perry, pastor.



A GROUP of students from Carey College spent most of a day last week in the Baptist Building in Jackson learning of Baptist life and work. Sponsoring the visit was the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary. Leading the group was Dr. Joel Ray, professor of religious education at the college. Photo shows students in accounting department with A. L. Nelson, at right, business manager.



Rev. Billy C. Crosby

### Raleigh Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Billy C. Crosby is the newly elected pastor of First Church, Raleigh.

Rev. Crosby, a native Mississippian, was born in Seminary.

After graduating from Carey College in 1956, he attended New Orleans Seminary for one year.

Before accepting First Church, Raleigh, Crosby was assistant pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. Much of his life has been spent in the field of church music.

Rev. and Mrs. (Annette) Crosby, have four children, three boys, Scotty, Stevie, and Sammy, and one girl, Crystal.

### 'Braille Baptist' Adds Features

NASHVILLE—A 16-page section of missionary features will be added to "The Braille Baptist," grade 2, beginning with the January 1964 issue.

The features will be adapted from "Royal Service," a publication of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham. They are being added as a result of many requests from readers of "The Braille Baptist" who hold positions in WMU in their churches.

The new section will have daily Bible readings, which in 1964 will include all of the new Testament. The names of home and foreign missionaries will be listed on their birthdays.

Also, there will be special helps for officers and committees of WMU and articles on missionary work around the world.

If enough requests are received for these features, later they may be included in the grade 1½ edition of "The Braille Baptist," monthly publication for young people and adults published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The Braille Baptist" is sent to any blind person who wants it. Send name, address, and grade of Braille that he reads to: Braille editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203

### New Employees Named At BSSB

NASHVILLE—James A. Lowry and Paul E. Phillips, both of Nashville, are new employees at Baptist Sunday School Board.

Lowry, a graduate of University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a research assistant in the research and statistics department. Formerly, he helped compile and analyze statistics at the Tennessee Health Department.

Phillips is foreman of the shipping unit in the order filling-mailing section of the church literature department.

### S. C. Church Is Destroyed By Fire

COLUMBIA—The First Baptist Church of Walterboro, S. C. was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. Total value of the building was set at \$422,000.

The building was insured with a coverage of 90 per cent (\$379,800) of the total value.

The building and most all its furnishings, including a \$30,000 organ were destroyed.



Rev. W. O. Pippen

### Accepts Duties At Antioch

Rev. W. O. Pippen has accepted the pastorate of the Antioch Church in Jasper County, where he began his service on December 8.

Rev. Pippen's last pastorate was Oakland Grove Church in Jones County. While at Oakland Grove, he led in the addition of Sunday school rooms and the remodeling and brick-venering of the main auditorium.



SEVENTY-FIVE students responded to "faith-pledge" \$100.00 to the State BSU Summer Missions Fund, at the November 26 General BSU meeting at Northeast Mississippi Junior College. The featured speakers for the missions challenge were Huel Moseley, former BSU Student Summer Missionary to Hong Kong from Mississippi State University, and a native of the Far East and product of Baptist missions there and Miss Linda Wong of Taiwan, Formosa, and Blue Mountain College. The Prentiss, Union, Tippah, Tishomingo and Alcorn BSU Committee members were honored guests at the meeting. (Left to right) Huel Moseley, Corinth; Howard Long, Treasurer, Booneville; Hugh Dickerson, Prentiss County; Miss Linda Wong, BMC; and Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor, New Prospect Church, Tishomingo County representative.

### JANITOR, AFTER PASTOR, MOST WANTED STAFFER

NASHVILLE (BP)—A pastor, a janitor and a secretary—in that order—are the first three staff to be employed by a typical church, according to a survey to which 638 Southern Baptist churches replied. The survey, covering churches with 400 or more members found that churches with 400-499 members had 3.4 staff members. At the other extreme those with 3000 or more members had an average of 18.3 staff members. Since there is a greater number of small churches, the average of the entire group of 638 churches was 6.3 staff members.

The fourth staff person to be employed is someone to direct music, according to the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board.

Department secretary Martin B. Bradley of Nashville announced the results.

The order in which staff persons are employed led on observer to comment, humorously, "This survey proves cleanliness is next to godliness. A janitor is hired second most often to a preacher."

The survey also led to these

conclusions by the researchers:

**Many Combination Posts**  
Churches in the middle-size range of membership are more prone to employ "Combination" persons, for example, one man to be minister of both music and education. Larger churches would employ two person and separate these responsibilities.

Only 1 in 10 pianists get any pay from the church for this service, showing that many people serve voluntarily in various positions in churches (without pay).

Only a little more than half the churches surveyed provide any kind of car expense for their pastors.

God calls men into the ministry to preach His Word, not their own ideas or the current trends in human thought. A congregation can learn what men think through their newspapers, magazines, and other news media, but the question is: What does God think and say?—Paris D. Whitesell in POWER IN EXPOSITORY PREACHING (Fleming H. Revell Company)

### 139 Added In Sanyati Revival

The two Baptist churches on the Sanyati Reserve in Southern Rhodesia report 139 professions of faith during a revival which closed October 27. Statistics have not come in from the four other places where the revival was held.

Plans are being made for organizing the two Sanyati churches and the two in nearby Gokwe into an association in the near future, reports Rev. James N. Westmoreland, Southern Baptist missionary.



Rev. William P. Smith, III

### SILAM CALLS NEW PASTOR

Silam Church, West Point, has called Rev. William P. Smith, III as their pastor.

The church officially welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Smith with a church-wide dinner. The dinner also was in honor Dr. Dewey Roach, professor of Bible at M.S.C.W., who was the interim pastor.

Rev. Smith, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, received Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He moved to West Point from the Wayside Church, Yalobusha Association. Under his ministry, the church had an increase in Sunday School and Training Union attendance and a definite increase in giving to the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Smith has been active in associational work. Mrs. Smith is the former Mary Ellis Perkins of Tupelo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perkins, members of Calvary Church, Tupelo. She is a graduate of Mississippi College.



AT FIRST CHURCH, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Louis Burghard, Sunday School Superintendent, pictured pinning a corsage on Mrs. E. M. Taylor when she was honored for having 18 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school. Also in the picture is Joe McCrillis, grandson of Mrs. Taylor, who was recognized for having ten years perfect Sunday school attendance. In making the 18-year record, Mrs. Taylor has often walked a distance of more than two miles in all kinds of weather, including sleet and snow. Mrs. Taylor carried Joe to Sunday school when he was twelve days old and he hasn't missed a Sunday since. Rev. A. Estus Mason is pastor at First, Crystal Springs.



NASHVILLE—L. J. Newton, Jr.

was recently named a consultant in general Sunday School administration in the general Sunday School administration in the field services section of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department. Newton came to the board in 1960 as consultant in the church administration department. For eighteen months before assuming his present position, he majored in the department's development of the church long-range planning service.

### New 'Breeze' Is Off Press

The first issue of the newly planned Mountain Breeze, student literary journal of Blue Mountain College is off the press. The literary journal has a new cover design, is a small size, and has a completely new format.

Miss Kay Peete, Miami, Fla., is editor of the Mountain Breeze, and Miss Merel Bonnett, Shelbyville, Tenn., is associate editor.

All stories, poems, and special articles included in the publication are creative works and the names of student writers appear in the first new issue of the Mountain Breeze.

### Seeing Triple

DECATUR, Ga. (BP)—You have to be specific in the First Baptist Church of Decatur when you call upon Deacon Guy Rutland. There are three of them.

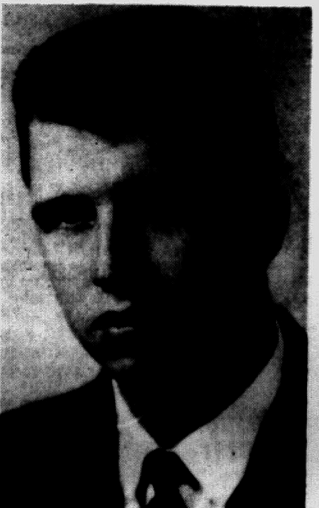
Guy Jr., now of the Home Mission Board and formerly a trustee of Golden Gate Seminary, was ordained in 1937 at the age of 24. Guy Sr., formerly of the Home Mission Board, was 49 when ordained in 1941. Guy Rutland 3rd was ordained the other day at the age of 26.

### Lincoln County Pastor Resigns

Rev. Eugene Harold McLendon has resigned as pastor of the Holy Springs Church, Lincoln County.

During the three years that Rev. McLendon was pastor of Holy Springs, there were 11 baptisms. A new church building was dedicated; the church organized Sunbeams, R.A.'s, and G.A.'s. They also constructed a new brick sign and arranged for running water for use in the church.

Mrs. McLendon is the former Geraldine Bagley of Greenville. The couple has a daughter, Marie Cherron, age three months.



Rev. John E. Perritt

### Wesson Church Ordains Preacher

Wesson Church, Copiah County, ordained John Ed Perritt to the gospel ministry October 27. Perritt recently accepted the pastorate of the New Providence Church, Copiah County.

Rev. Bobby L. Shands, Wesson pastor, gave the charge to the candidate. Others on the program were Rev. E. M. Daffin, Rev. Luther M. Door, and Clinton Varnado.

John Ed surrendered to preach and was licensed May of 1961. A 1962 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, he is now enrolled at Mississippi College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perritt of Wesson.